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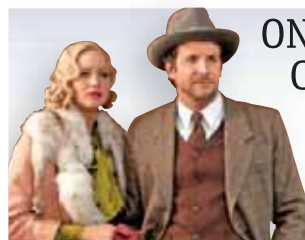
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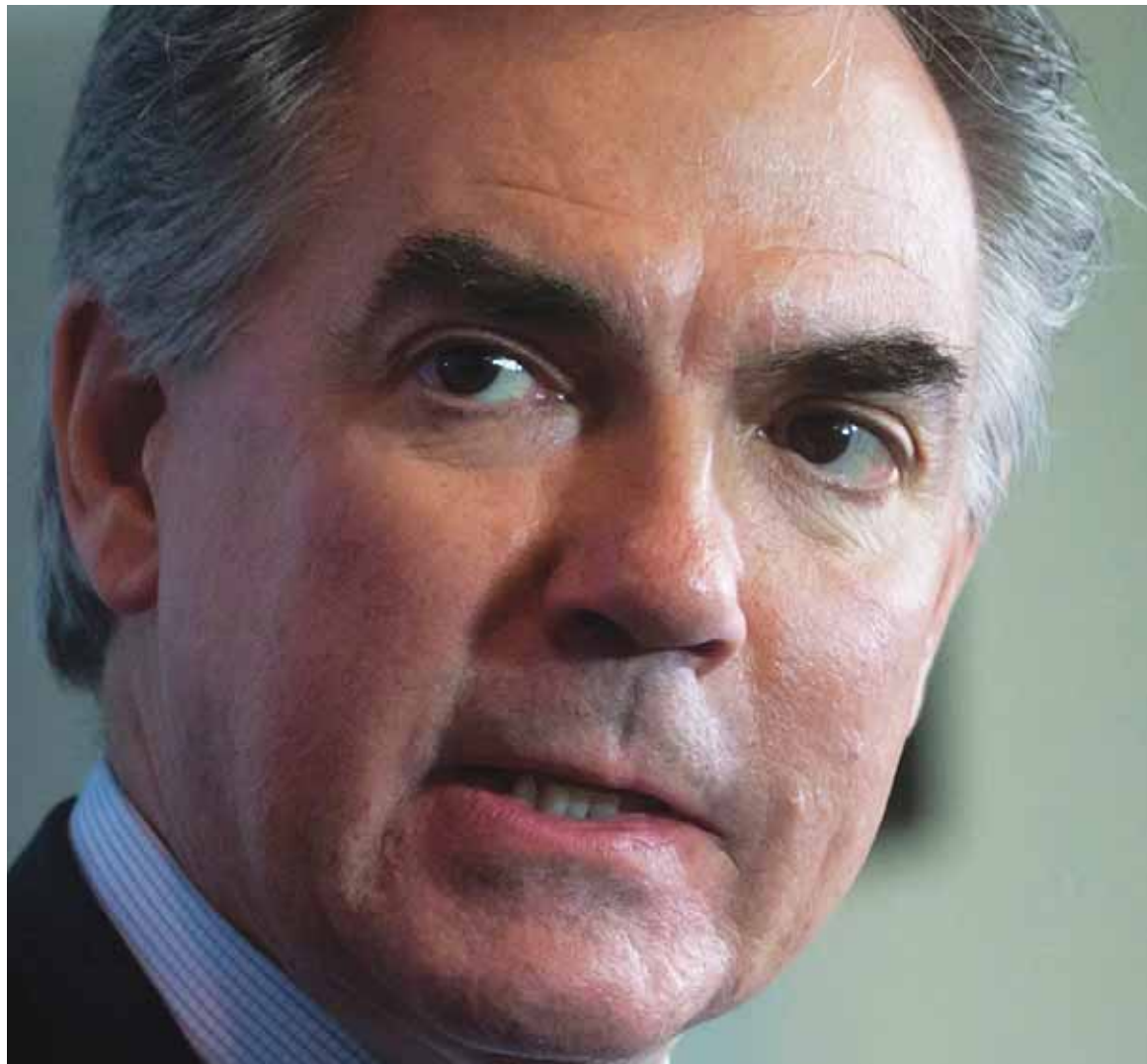


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Gay rights bill put on hold



Alberta Premier Jim Prentice halted his government's plans to push forward on controversial Bill 10. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Divisive debate. GSA members call for reform to align Bill 10 to Bill 202

Alberta's premier accepted responsibility for the "divisive debate" that's erupted over his party's gay-rights bill Thursday and said he would delay a final decision on the proposed measures until the new year.

Proponents say Bill 10 would create new avenues for students hoping to establish gay-straight alliances in schools, but it stops short of mandating that educators support the clubs.

Before Prentice's announcement, LGBTQ community members staged a rally and thousands signed an online petition voicing displeasure with the bill. Within the Tory party, former deputy premier Thomas Lukaszuk and others had also expressed concerns with the measures.

"The issue was polarizing to begin with and has become ever more so," Prentice conceded in a late-afternoon news conference after the provincial legislature was promptly adjourned for the week.

"I accept responsibility for where we are. We'll pull back, we'll pause, we'll reconsider this and we'll hear from Albertans," the premier added.

Members of current GSAs — there are 45 operating in Calgary and Edmonton public schools collectively — say the clubs are open to all and meant to promote caring and understanding in their schools.

Critics say Bill 10 stops short of addressing homophobia and transphobia.

"I want something to be done, but this isn't precise enough. This isn't what we asked for," said GSA member Zander Hartman, who attends Edmonton's Ross Sheppard School.

Sam Dyck, a member of the GSA at Calgary's Forest Lawn High School, agrees.

Dyck said that, before GSAs in his school, he was scared to walk down the halls or go into the bathroom. Now, the 16-year-old said his entire school has started to take part in gay-rights discussions.

"The whole school believes that Bill 10 is not right," Dyck said, adding Laurie Blakeman's Bill 202 is "perfect for Alberta."

Blakeman's bill would have mandated support for those hoping to establish a GSA. After Prentice's announcement, she said there was still hope to bring back her original proposal — but likely not until the new year.

Alberta NDP Leader Rachel Notley has also criticized the bill and said the measures proposed were a clear indication the ruling Tories are out of touch with average citizens.

"My response to this is that, rather than pressing 'pause' on Bill 10, the government ought to simply be pressing 'delete' completely," Notley said.

"It was so fundamentally flawed and so offensive to so many Albertans in so many ways." **LEAH HOLOIDAY AND JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO**

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South Health Campus

Killing of cougar justified: Alberta Justice review

A provincial review into the September killing of a cougar that wandered close to a Calgary hospital has found that responding officers made the right call.

Dramatic footage of the Sept. 18 incident emerged on social media. The cougar had wandered through a construction site and then nestled down in some grass near the entrance to the South Health Campus.

In a video captured by a horrified spectator inside the hospital, Alberta Fish and Wildlife officers could be seen closing in on the animal and then shooting it multiple times. At one point, the animal appeared to try to flee after being shot.

The incident sparked a heated debate, with some saying the animal should have been tranquilized or captured using a net instead.

But a report posted online Thursday "found that euthanizing the cougar was the most appropriate response to ensure public safety, particularly as it was in an urban area."

The report adds: "Cougars are large predators whose speed and agility can make them difficult to contain and/or locate after being hit with a tranquilizer dart."

Fish and Wildlife officers followed "Alberta's cougar response matrix," as is protocol in cases of "cougars entering urban areas," the report goes on to say.

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO



EPCOR Technologies employee Jordan Sieker was recognized by Edmonton Police Services Chief Rod Knecht for lending a hand during a city arrest. LEAH HOLOIDAY/METRO

EPCOR worker gets thanks from chief

Jordan Sieker. Actions send clear message on importance of safety: EPS Chief Knecht



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What started as a normal workday for a city EPCOR employee ended with him restraining a suspect while an Edmonton police officer slapped on a pair of handcuffs, a gut reaction that

earned him appreciation from the city's top cop.

According to EPCOR Technologies employee Jordan Sieker, the incident started when he noticed a man acting irregularly and causing a commotion near where EPCOR employees were working.

Suddenly, Sieker said, a police car pulled up and the suspect took off.

"The cop started running and I (saw) there was just one cop, so I followed the cop," he added.

Once the officer had caught up to the suspect, Sieker offered a helping hand

restraining the man's legs while the EPS member handcuffed him.

"I didn't think it was that special," Sieker said.

While Sieker stresses he's no hero, EPS Chief Rod Knecht personally thanked the Edmonton man for the part he played in arresting a suspect just over two months ago.

"In my role as chief of police, I look for examples that validate our officers are making a difference in the community," wrote Knecht in the letter sent last week. "When citizens step up, as you both

did, it sends a clear message that public safety is a priority for all Edmontonians."

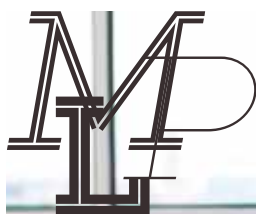
Const. Philipp Gaudig-Rueger, the officer on scene that day, said this was his first experience of a bystander getting physical to help police.

"It was good," he said. "I was glad to see that. It definitely helped me out and made my life easier."

For Sieker, lending a helping hand just seemed like the right thing to do, he said.

"I think most people would have done it if they were in that situation. I would hope, anyways."

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311 app now allows cyclists to report winter obstacles

Snow removal. City aims to clear paths within 48 hours



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Avid cyclist Molly MacDougall is one of several Edmontonians who have turned to the city's 311 app this winter to report unplowed paths, the first time users have been able to do so in the wintertime via their smartphones.

The system has worked well for some paths that MacDougall cycles on, with most cleared within the city's 48-hour time frame for shared-use paths and sidewalks.

"The Saskatchewan Drive trail took a little bit longer and it's still not cleared 100 per cent," she said.

Complaints of some multi-use trails in the city in need of snow removal remain in the reported section of the 311 app.

"Snow is still a factor in Edmonton, cyclists are still using the roads so they — like any other road user — can make use of the app," said Catherine Kloczkowski, transportation planning spokeswoman.

City officials already turn to social media to see which areas cyclists are noting, but add the 311 app allows them to take action quicker.

"We encourage everybody to go through the proper channels when it comes to snow mainten-

ance of any kind and that's 311," said Kloczkowski.

But MacDougall added that a confirmation number option should be added to the app so cyclists and other road users like herself can check in on the city's progress with their request.

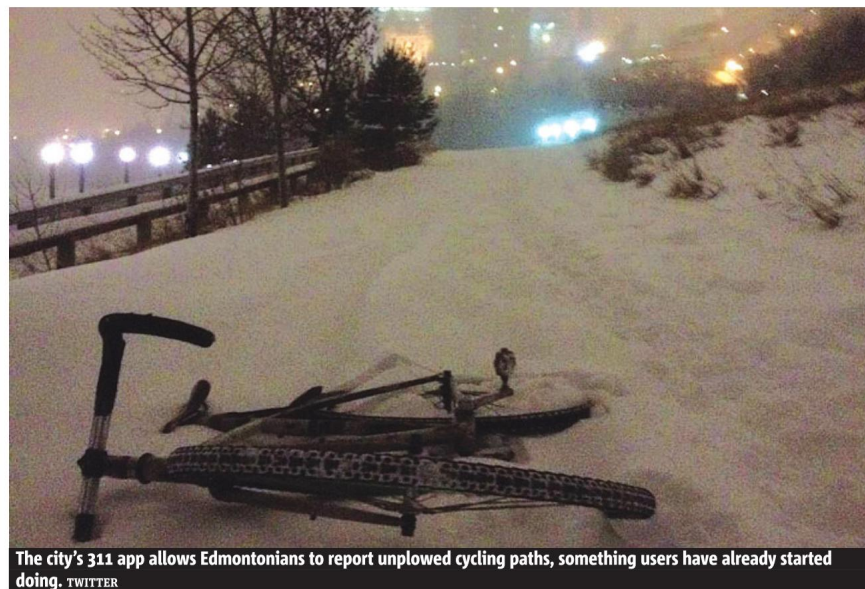
"I couldn't call in to find the status of the request, which is disappointing," she said.

The app is expected to grow with the city, as some 8,400 users had already downloaded it as of Oct. 1.

The hope is that the app will complement the call-centre service already offered to Edmontonians.

That service gets about 190,000 calls a month.

Follow Stephanie Dubois on Twitter @MetroSteph



The city's 311 app allows Edmontonians to report unplowed cycling paths, something users have already started doing. TWITTER

Province says no ALERT funding cut next year



The ALERT team oversees several units, including ones that specialize in drug trafficking cases. METRO FILE

The provincial government says it has no intention of cutting funding from the Alberta Law Enforcement Response Team, despite comments from the group's chair that he was asked to prepare for a smaller budget.

Edmonton police Commissioner Shami Sandhu, who is also chair of ALERT's board, said he's been asked to prepare a budget that would amount to dozens of fewer officers.

"We're looking at, approximately, a loss of 70 positions to fulfill the budget target that they have given us," he said.

The ALERT program includes specialized units to tackle Internet child exploitation, organized crime and gangs, marijuana grow-ops, fugitive apprehension, and surveillance. The officers are pulled into the team from police agencies across the province.

Sandhu said he drafted a

business plan in line with what the province had asked for.

"There are some entire programs that will get cut out of ALERT. Others will get watered down and they will lose their effectiveness," he said.

Jessica Jacobs-Mino, a spokeswoman for Justice Minister Jonathan Denis, said the province has no intention of lowering the group's funding next year.

"It will remain the same

in 2015-16 as it is this year and that is sufficient enough to support current staffing," she said.

She didn't comment on Sandhu's suggestion, but insisted the funding would remain the same.

"I'm not sure what he means by that, but I can tell you from the provincial level that our funding levels are remaining the same," she said. "I think there was a misunderstanding."

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Despite snow. Drivers still racing in school zones

Dangerous road conditions and winter weather didn't slow drivers down in school zones last week, as the city ticketed more than 200 vehicles speeding in the regulated areas.

Traffic safety supervisor Dennis Tetreault called the number of drivers driving over the speed limit after a deluge of snow last Thursday near schools disconcerting.

Tetreault said since stopping distance is considerably greater on a snow-packed road compared to a dry pavement, speeding is even more dangerous, especially with children close by.

At the beginning of September when the school zones were first introduced, the city handed out 5,480 warning tickets to speedy drivers. Since Nov. 12, the city switched to ticketing speeders, snapping 3,515 photo radar tickets across 236 school zones in just three weeks.

Tetreault said the city has opted to increase enforcement around school

Education needed: Parent

Edmonton father Mike Lanteigne said it's a concern for parents that so many people continue to speed around schools, but the issue really comes down to education and enforcement.

- "The people that speed need to be educated that they are around children and there's a risk," he said. "A car travelling at even 30 kilometres an hour poses a risk, especially in this weather where you can't stop on a dime."

zones — averaging 17 to 18 a day — after a number of requests from parents who were concerned with speeding.

"We're basically putting a pretty big focus during the day on school zones," he said.

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EDMONTON NEEDS MORE 'HYGGE' OVER THE WINTER



FOOTNOTES
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It's not easy to embrace winter.

Not when you're awake before sunrise and the remote car starter is pooched. Not when you have to unearth your vehicle and the only thing icier than your steering wheel is your hands because some time between yesterday and this morning your gloves entered another dimension and won't return until spring cleaning. Not when you arrive to a sidewalk to pick and shovel.

When your water pipes have frozen and burst and left you with a \$2,000 bill, lacking sunlight seems like the least important contributor to Seasonal Affective Disorder.

But if you ask the Danes — regularly ranked by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development as the happiest people on Earth — they'll tell you that winter is the best time to partake

in their favourite past-time: "hygge."

Pronounced HYU-gah, it's hard to pronounce and even harder to define. It's like an emotional turducken of coziness, mirth and intimacy — with some trimmings of togetherness and relaxation. It can be a noun, verb or adjective (hyggeligt). You can hygge alone with a book or have a hyggeligt time with friends.

"It's a particular atmosphere where you feel a sense of safety and warmth and pleasantness," says Marina Allemanno, a Danish adjunct professor with the University of Alberta's department of Modern Languages and Cultural Studies. "It's a psychological rescue, and Danish people seek it a lot during the winter just to feel better."

Norwegians — also high on the OECD's happiness index — have a similar word, koselig. And though you can hygge or koselig year-round, the concepts especially help the Northerners beat the winter doldrums.

"I go to Denmark every year," says Allemanno, "and if you go in the winter, when there's dreariness in the streets, you just want to go home and create that atmosphere with the people you're with."

Danes might have to hygge harder than Edmontonians without that Prairie sunshine, so it's no wonder they take it so seriously.

"One of the greatest compliments after a dinner," she explains, "is to get a call the next morning and someone says, 'That was a very hyggeligt evening.' It was intimate, it was cozy, friendly, no arguments. You had the candles lit."

So how can bring some hygge to your life?

Above all, you'll need time — something harder to find in our increasingly busy, over-scheduled lives. But once that's carved out, gather friends (but not too many), music (but not too loud), comfort foods and libations (preferably mulled wine). Bonus points for pillows,

It's pronounced HYU-gah

It's like an emotional turducken of coziness, mirth and intimacy — with some trimmings of togetherness and relaxation.

blankets and wool sweaters.

Are your ceiling lights on? Turn them off. Hygge requires table lamps and a nearly hazardous amount of candles. ("Candles have always been a bit of a fetish," she says.)

Finally, start a fire and a conversation, then bask in the physical and emotional warmth you've created — letting -20 C weather and total darkness slip from memory.

And you can hygge alone, too, by cozying up with Baileys-soaked coffee and cats by the "inglenook" — a particularly lovely word that means the corner by a fireplace.

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Survey released

Alberta looking to update traffic rules

Alberta is looking at driver testing, right-hand-drive vehicles and carpool lanes on provincial highways as the province looks to update its traffic act.

The province released an online survey earlier this week and urged Albertans to share their views. The survey will remain open for com-

ment until January.

Christine Wronko, with Alberta's Ministry of Transportation, said it's part of the process of keeping the legislation current.

"We want to make sure that our legislation is up to date," she said.

Wronko said that, with the province's unique approach to driver training, it's important to make sure it's being done right.

"Alberta is the only jurisdiction that licenses private-

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"We want to make sure that our legislation is up to date."

Christine Wronko, with Alberta's Ministry of Transportation

sector individuals to be driver examiners, so we just want to be sure the examiners are conducting the program in a fair way," she said.

Wronko said they have no indication that anything

untoward is happening, but they like to use the surveys to check in.

She said right-hand-drive vehicles are also a growing concern, and the province wants to know what the public believes should be done about them.

"We do know that they pose a safety risk, based on the research that we have, because our roadways aren't engineered for right-hand-drive vehicles," Wronko said.

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Edmonton Police Chief Rod Knecht, right, and Commissioner Shami Sandhu speak to city council on Thursday. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

Iveson asks province for police cash

Budget crunch. EPS looking to add 84 new officers to their force

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The proposed budget for the Edmonton force, not including the 84 officers that police brass are hoping to add



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The Edmonton Police Service (EPS) presented a pitch for 84 new officers to city council Tuesday, while Mayor Don Iveson made an impassioned plea for more support from the provincial government.

The force is looking for 40 new officers in the downtown to help address growth in the area, an additional nine to continue a successful pilot project on the LRT system and 35 other officers for a wide array of assignments, including cyber crime and the child-protection unit.

Police Chief Rod Knecht said the force has to catch up to a swell in the number of calls for service.

"We would love to invest more in prevention but we're not there in this particular cycle," he said.

Iveson said he's not sure what council will do with the police requests but generally he wants more effort from the

province to focus on prevention.

He said the province can't keep postponing those sorts of investments that will ultimately help the province in the long run.

"I don't care what the price of oil is. This province is better than that, and the provincial government needs to figure out its fiscal situation."

Iveson said Edmontonians have increased the police budget 55 per cent in the last eight years, while provincial support has grown by only four per cent.

He said that, especially given the fact so many of the people Edmonton police deal with come from outside the city, it's past time the province invest more in preventing crime.

"To hammer taxpayers with a significant increase to pay for policing when we are picking up the pieces for Northern Alberta just simply isn't fair," the mayor said.

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Nurses satisfied with Ebola preparations

Alberta Health Services. Union head says 'significant strides' made in addressing nurses' Ebola concerns



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United Nurses of Alberta president Heather Smith told Metro this week Alberta Health Services has made progress in addressing the concerns nurses raised about Ebola preparation two months ago.

"We think that they have taken significant steps to acquire equipment and make modifications and changes to their protocols based on concerns that either we or other

unions have raised," Smith said.

In October, Smith said nurses came to AHS officials with a variety of concerns over safety in the event that a case of the deadly infectious disease was to arrive in Alberta.

"We didn't have regular training in terms of putting on and taking off protective equipment, we didn't have protective equipment, we didn't have procedures and protocols in place

— all of that had to be very rapidly redeveloped," Smith said.

Nurses began holding weekly meetings with AHS officials over Ebola preparations and have since scaled back to bi-weekly meetings, she added, in addition to regular emailing.

Calgary's South Health Campus began running mock Ebola scenarios in October, and in November a patient was trans-

ferred immediately into isolation at the designated Ebola facility after arriving at the Peter Lougheed Centre with concerning symptoms. She later tested negative for Ebola. Dr. Richard Musto, medical officer of health for the Calgary Zone, said she was the third patient in Alberta to be "queried" for Ebola.

So far, there have been no confirmed cases of the disease in Canada.



United Nurses of Alberta president Heather Smith. METRO FILE

Sound, Light and Motion. Event showcases local talent

It doesn't get more Edmonton than Sound, Light and Motion, say event organizers with Make Something Edmonton.

On Dec. 8, residents can listen to the live recording of a locally produced documentary with Edmonton Symphony Orchestra and ProCoro at the Winspear Centre.

"This is a great opportunity for us. It's a truly Make Something Edmonton example and it's super-rare," said Mary Sturgeon, executive director with Make Something Edmonton.

The Great Human Odyssey, a CBC/PBS documentary created by local filmmakers, will record the score for the film, which Sturgeon says is also a rarity since most contemporary

films are often recorded with synthesizers or overseas. Guests will get to hear about the inner-workings of the film as well.

Light installations, Open PianoYEG, and other past examples of Make Something Edmonton success stories will also be on display to showcase how much the city-wide initiative has grown with Edmontonians.

"We're really trying to show the hint of great things in Edmonton," said Sturgeon, adding the city program has been embraced by so many Edmontonians.

"There's a feeling here that this city doesn't feel finished. There's room for people to stretch their wings and try their ideas." **STEPHANIE DUBOIS/METRO**



Clearwater Documentary filmmaker Niobe Thompson, right, on location discussing a shot from the documentary, The Great Human Odyssey. CONTRIBUTED

Leduc. Residential fire leaves one person dead

One person is dead after an early morning fire in Leduc Thursday.

At approximately 7:28 a.m., Leduc Fire Services, Nisku Fire Services and RCMP were called to a residential fire in the Leduc Estates neighbourhood.

Four fire units, including a ladder truck, arrived on scene to fight the blaze. Crews were able to get the fire under con-

trol by 8:13 a.m.

One occupant was found dead at the scene by firefighters, who determined the victim was in the home alone.

An investigation into the cause of death and fire are ongoing.

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IN THEIR OWN WORDS — WHAT IS A GAY-STRAIGHT ALLIANCE? WHAT DOES IT REPRESENT TO YOU?

BILL 202 AND BILL 10 HAVE SPURRED A BROADER DISCUSSION ABOUT GAY RIGHTS AND THE IMPORTANCE OF GAY-STRAIGHT ALLIANCES IN ALBERTA SCHOOLS. METRO POLLED A VARIETY OF ALBERTANS FROM DIFFERENT WALKS OF LIFE ON WHAT THEY BELIEVE A GSA IS AND WHAT IT REPRESENTS IN BROADER SOCIETY.

Compiled by Jeremy Nolais, Stephanie Dubois and Leah Holoday/Metro



Laurie Blakeman,
Alberta Liberal and
Bill 202 sponsor

"GSAs are peer support groups. They create safe spaces at school for LGBTIQ students, children of LGBTIQ parents and allies to gather and support each other.... By bringing forward Bill 202, I could help legislate GSAs at any school where a student asked to form one."

Joy Bowen-Eyre,
trustee chair for
Calgary Board of
Education

"Our mission emphasizes the obligation and responsibility of each one of us to create conditions for each young person to thrive, including gender and sexual minority youth."



**Rev. James Allan with
Edmonton's Robertson
Wesley United Church**

"As a congregation, we are a GSA ourselves. Personally, I'm really concerned about the suicides reported in schools. People need to understand that it's really about being respectful towards each other."



**Tory MLA
Thomas
Lukaszuk, one
of few in his
party who said
Bill 10 wasn't
enough**

"On the symbolic side, it became the symbol of inequality.... On a practical side, it is often the only way a child can get support when they're marginalized, when their parents are not accepting or in denial or even kick them out of the house."



**Sarah Hoffman, trustee chair
for Edmonton Public Schools**

"Teachers and students work together to create welcoming, safe and inclusive spaces. Research shows that schools with GSAs see less incidents of bullying and disrespectful behaviour overall."



**Druh Farrell, Ward 7 City of
Calgary councillor**

"It acts as a bridge and it humanizes people who stereotype each other. It's always a good thing when you bring people together who are different to show how very similar they really are.... We're not all of the same religion but we're all human."



**Pam Rocker, affirming and
creative co-ordinator at
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"Our core human desire is to not feel alone in the world. To know that we are seen, heard and valued. It doesn't get more simple or sacred than this. GSAs embody this sacred longing in action, by tangibly creating a space for those who feel the least seen/heard/valued to belong."



**Jon Cornish,
Calgary Stampede
running back**

"A place where anyone can come together and support each other. I wish I had a similar support network while I was growing up."



**Sam Dyck, Calgary student
and representative of the
Forest Lawn GSA**

"What is a GSA? It's simple — it's a family that isn't blood, an accepting place to be, and you can rely on it no matter what. It's inspirational, filled with change-makers and life changes. A place to express who you are and let yourself be free."



Jason Vezina, Edmonton resident

"I attended high school over a decade ago and said many homophobic things that I'm embarrassed of today. A GSA would have allowed LGBTQ students to be open about who they are, to feel safe in their environment and to show the rest of the students that there was absolutely no reason to be afraid."



**Zander Hartman,
Edmonton student
and GSA member**

"A gay-straight alliance is a place that provides a safe space for anyone in the school. Most of all, a GSA provides support and community for kids who don't necessarily have that anywhere else."



**Kristopher Wells
with the Institute
for Sexual
Minority Studies
at the U of A**

"Gay-straight alliances are student-led and teacher-facilitated support groups focused on sexual-orientation and gender-identity issues in K-12 schools. The research is clear. GSAs help to reduce risk factors and improve school connectedness."



**Alexandra Jurisic, president
of the Calgary Catholic
Teachers Association**

"Our goal is to ensure that GLBQT youth feel welcome in our schools. This is part of a broader policy on anti-harassment and bullying and our commitment and desire to build student resiliency in adapting to life's challenges."



**Linda Wellman, trustee
chair for the Calgary
Catholic School District**

"Gay-straight alliances are not unlike our current practices and policies that we have instilled to create a safe and caring school environment for all of our students. We believe in fostering inclusive communities in our schools."



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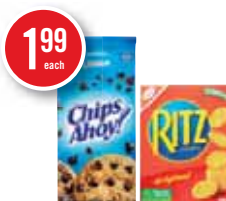
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New Jersey governor: U.S. undervalues Canada

New Jersey's governor and one of the Republican party's top prospects to make a run for the White House in 2016 says Americans don't put enough stock in their relationship with Canada.

Chris Christie travelled to Calgary Thursday to meet with Alberta Premier Jim Prentice and talk about energy.

His message is similar to the one he delivered on a trip to Mexico earlier this year: U.S. foreign policy should focus on its neighbours first.

"I've gotten the impression over time, watching American foreign policy, that Canada has been an afterthought and I believe it should be a first thought," he said.

"I don't think we pay enough attention to this relationship as Americans in general. I've made a very conscious decision to come to Canada and to come here to Alberta because we should treat our friends with both respect and attention."

Christie is a big supporter of the controversial Keystone XL pipeline that would carry

Alberta oilsands crude to the U.S. Gulf Coast and he was happy to show it Thursday.

"It should be approved," he said.

Christie was to give a speech to the Calgary Chamber of Commerce before travelling to Ottawa on Friday for a meeting with Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

The governor is considered one of the Republican party's front-runners to take a shot at the presidency in 2016, but he was coy about any future aspirations Thursday.

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New Jersey Governor Chris Christie, right, and Alberta premier Jim Prentice. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Big projects comes with a big fundraising push

Donor dollars.
Library, science centre,
Winspear all looking
for cash



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Edmontonians with deep pockets will be seeing them tapped over the coming years, with the Milner Library, the Telus World of Science and the Winspear Centre all looking for philanthropic cash.

City councillors approved funding for all three projects on Tuesday, but the library is looking to raise \$10 million from donors, the science centre \$7.5 million and the Winspear is seeking \$14 million from the community.

Alan Nursall, president and CEO of the science centre, said they aren't overly concerned about being in a cluster of projects.

"The reality is there are big fundraising campaigns going on in the city all at the time," he said. "There's never a time when you have the fundraising field to yourself, that's just the real world."

Library CEO Linda Cook said they had an outside consultant do a feasibility study that confirmed, even in a competitive market, they could raise the cash.

"They were very aware of the other fundraising projects," she said.

Cook said with the city's support they can move ahead with fundraising. She said the library is always fundraising for something, but they will need a special effort for this project.

"We always knew that if Milner got approved we would have a separate fundraising effort just for Milner," she said.

Cook said they're confident they will get the support for the project, because the library is such an integral part of the city's core.

"This one is going to make such a difference it is going to completely change how this library will look on the square."

Coun. Scott McKeen who supported all three projects, said he believes the fundraising will be achievable.

"This is an incredibly philanthropic and wealthy city — we don't often think of it," he said. "I suspect that they will pleasantly surprise the cynics in the media."

Nursall said he sees coun-

cil's support very much as a challenge.

"Now the ball is clearly in our court, we have to meet the city's expectations and do the things we said we were going to do."

Analysis

The Milner renovation is expected to start construction in 2016 with a tentative opening in 2018. It will replace aging mechanical systems as well as reface the building with more windows.

The Telus project includes major renovations of some of the existing science galleries and the Margaret Zeidler Star theatre.



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ndering shows what the renovated library could look like when the work is complete in 2018. RYAN TIMULTV/METRO

Unwell water

Residents urged to check private well water

Alberta Health Services is urging residents in areas outside of Edmonton to check water coming from private wells after levels of arsenic and manganese were found.

Authorities say that the even though the levels of both the two elements don't present any immediate health risk, the levels are above the guidelines for drinking water.

Residents in Parkland, Leduc and Sturgeon Counties are encouraged to test before drinking. **METRO**

Halloween fright

Accused arrested in northern stabbing

Wood Buffalo RCMP have arrested the accused involved in a stabbing on Halloween at around 6:30 a.m.

Amin Abdi Jama, 25, was

arrested on Nov. 18. He was charged with two counts of aggravated assault, assault with a weapon and uttering threats. He has appeared in court and was remanded in custody where he is scheduled to appear Dec. 8.

A man was injured during the stabbing. **METRO**

Enforcement blitz

Edmonton police kick off holiday checkstop

The Christmas season kicked off Thursday with the first 2014 Holiday Checkstop in Edmonton to curb drunk drivers.

The program will include vehicle-stop locations and roving patrols across the city looking for impaired drivers, along with educating the public on the dangers of drinking and driving.

"As a police service, we have zero tolerance for impaired driving and the life-altering consequences it can cause," said Insp. Dennis Storey. **METRO**



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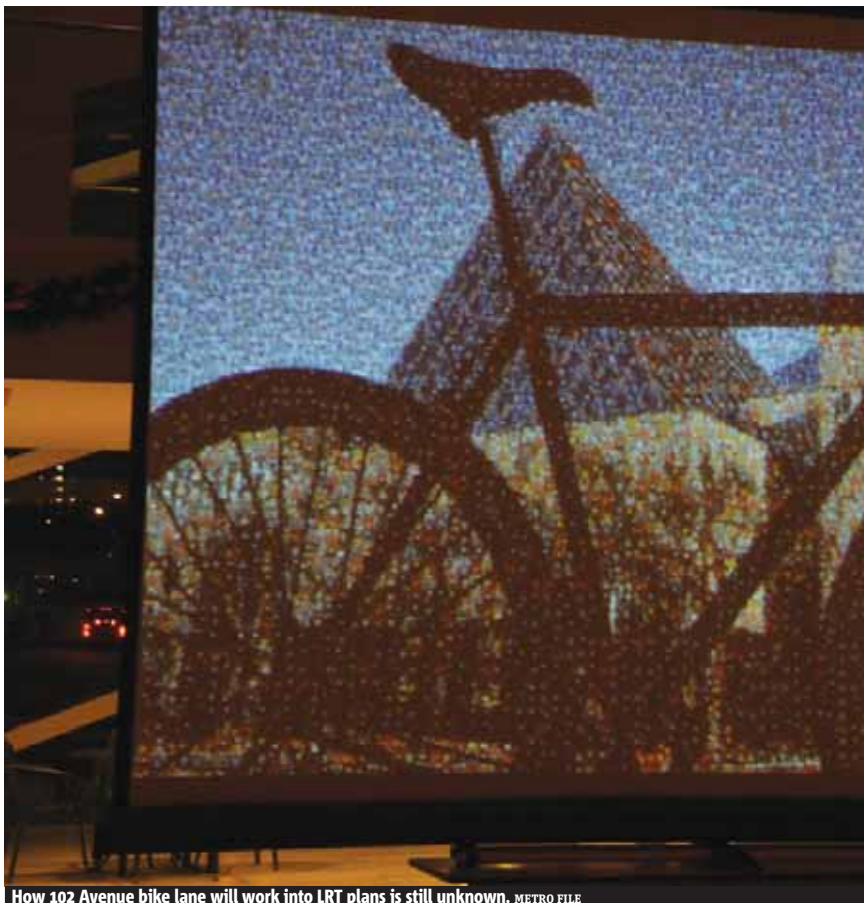


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How 102 Avenue bike lane will work into LRT plans is still unknown. METRO FILE

Fitting 102 Avenue bike lane with LRT

'Jigsaw puzzle.' City officials glad for above average response to online consultation



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City administration will still have to work through how exactly the 102 Avenue bike lane will work with LRT plans, following Wednesday's announcement of funding dedication from council for the downtown bike route.

Dollars for the bike lane don't mean the planned bike route will necessarily get hurried up since the city just finished step two of a six-step consultation plan, but city officials say they're looking at how the approved bike route will fit in to the downtown development.

"As the concept plan al-

ways showed, the 102 Avenue bike lane is going to be in conjunction with the LRT. We're still reviewing how that's going to work but it's still part of the plan," said Catherine Kloczkowski, transportation planning spokesperson.

She added the city is looking at the streets that intersect with 102 Avenue as part of the "jigsaw puzzle" which needs to be worked out as a result of the plotted Valley Line LRT.

"We're looking at the downtown area holistically to make sure everything works and everything kicks together in the plan," she said.

How it all works together is something Edmontonians want to have their say. City officials say they've had above average response to their online survey for 102 Avenue.

"Many of those people couldn't make it out to the meetings for whatever reason but they're still engaging online. That's above the regu-

In detail

Learn more about the 102 Avenue bike lane.

- **Survey.** 178 people have responded to the city's online survey for 102 Avenue, which remains open online.
- **\$8.8M.** City council approved almost \$8.8 million to fund 102 Avenue from 96 Street to 136 Street.
- **LRT.** The portion along the LRT route wasn't part of the consultations in recent meetings because the city is waiting to see the design of LRT route first.

lar amount of online survey participation that we would really see so that's great," said Kloczkowski.

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Bill S-7 under fire

Zero Tolerance for Barbaric Cultural Practices Act. Bill seeks to keep polygamists out of country, prevent forced marriages

The need for — and even the name of — a new Conservative bill aimed at barring polygamous and forced marriages came under fire Thursday in the Senate.

Bill S-7, entitled the "Zero Tolerance for Barbaric Cultural Practices Act," amends immigration and criminal laws with the aim of keeping polygamists out of Canada and preventing women and girls from being married against their will.

"We wish we could say in the Canada of 2014 that these were no longer challenges for us domestically," Immigration Minister Chris Alexander told the Senate human-rights committee. "But as we know from communities across the country and from the daily fact of violence against women, there

Title an issue

"In that title, if you wanted 'barbaric cultural practices' ... I wished you had added something like 'violence' in there."

Conservative Sen. Raynell Andreychuk, on the title of Bill S-7

remain challenges, and we remain duty-bound to act against them."

Conservative Sen. Raynell Andreychuk raised concerns, however, that the government's stated goal of combating violence risks being overshadowed by the bill's dramatic title.

However, Alexander defended the name. The fact it has generated debate means it's already doing its job, he argued.

"What is a barbaric practice? It is a practice that is unacceptable; it is a practice that involves violence that is in many respects indiscriminate, gratuitously meted out, behind closed doors, where women and girls are defenceless, whereby whole families conspire to ensure underage women lie about their age.

take part in a forced marriage," he said.

Andreychuk later said if the government does believe violence against women is addressed by the title of the bill, she is satisfied with it.

The new law would deny entry to Canada to those seeking to practise polygamy, which is illegal in this country.

It would also require "free and enlightened consent to marriage" and sets a federal minimum age for marriage at 16.

It also makes it an offence for anyone younger than that to be taken out of Canada to be married elsewhere.

This is a reference to the polygamist community of Bountiful, B.C., where it's believed teenage girls are shuttled back and forth to the U.S. for marriage. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



B.C. to euthanize birds under quarantine

A poultry farm under quarantine because of an outbreak of avian influenza is pictured in Chilliwack, B.C., on Thursday. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency says that there are now four farms in the Fraser Valley under quarantine due to the outbreak. Harpreet Kochhar, Canada's chief veterinary officer, said federal and provincial government agencies will be looking for any sign the virus has moved beyond those four farms. Kochhar said it's still not clear how the birds at the first two farms were infected. The agency focused on the additional farms because they had each received birds from the Chilliwack chicken operation. All of the birds that are still alive at the four farms will be euthanized. PHOTO: JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS; TEXT: THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Brothers jailed for cyberbullying girl

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Two 17-year-olds harassed girl, 14, demanding sexually explicit images

'Sextortion'

Ten months later, the victim still has extreme anxiety, the judge wrote.

- The brothers distributed photos of the girl through social media
- Her parents went to police after noticing a change in her behaviour.

Two Manitoba brothers have been sentenced to 16 months in jail after what a judge called a "relentless attack" of cyberbullying and sexual exploitation designed to "exploit, demean and humiliate" a 14-year-old girl.

Judge Donald Slough said a friend of the brothers met the girl on Facebook a year ago. In his written sentence released Thursday, Slough said the man told the victim to send him nude pictures or "he would do something to her."

When she sent him a picture of her exposed breasts, the man demanded she send more explicit pictures or he would send her nude picture

to everyone in the community, Slough said. She complied.

The brothers, who were 17 at the time and cannot be named, found out about the pictures and started harassing the victim, Slough said.

"The communication was intense and relentless, occurring both day and night," the judge wrote. "The accused, acting in tandem, alternatively flattered and abused the victim, demanding progres-

sively more explicit images; instructing the victim as to what sexual acts she was to perform and digitally record."

The brothers distributed the photos through social media, Slough said.

The brothers were arrested in May and pleaded guilty to four charges including sexual touching and possession and distribution of child pornography.

Slough said the impact on the 14-year-old has been "devastating and long-lasting." The girl went "from being happy to being deeply troubled."

Experts say this kind of "sextortion" is becoming more common. The Canadian Centre for Child Protection recently warned it is seeing an alarming increase in the number of teens who are sharing sexual images of themselves and then being extorted, sometimes for money. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



25 years after Montreal massacre

Students walk through a hall at Parkdale Collegiate Institute in Toronto holding a photo of one of 14 women killed in the mass shooting at École Polytechnique on Dec. 6, 1989, as part of a vigil held Thursday to mark the 25th anniversary of the massacre. **DAVID COOPER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Serial killings

Pickton inquiry recommendations enacted, B.C. says

British Columbia's government says it has taken action on 75 per cent of the recommendations made two years ago after a public inquiry into the Robert Pickton serial killings.

Attorney General Suzanne Anton says the actions are helping vulner-

able women and include expanding cellphone service along the so-called Highway of Tears, a remote stretch of northern highway where women have disappeared.

Anton says the government has also passed legislation that helps police find missing people and some of the children of missing and murdered women have already received \$50,000 compensation payments.

Pickton was convicted in

2007 of the second-degree murders of six women and was sentenced to life in prison, although he admitted to killing 49 women and the DNA or remains of 33 were found on his farm.

A commission of inquiry into the Pickton case made 63 recommendations in December 2012, including funding a 24-hour centre in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside for sex workers.

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Animal-rights activists hope to put this stark message on a Hamilton billboard after a devout Christian woman admitted to keeping her husband's corpse for months while waiting for his resurrection. CONTRIBUTED

PETA has a 'rotten' idea

Extreme messaging. Billboard planned for Hamilton area compares dead man's corpse to animal meat



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Animal-rights activists with PETA are hoping to plaster a stark message on a Hamilton,

Ont., billboard, days after a devout Christian woman admitted to keeping her husband's corpse in a bedroom for months, waiting for his resurrection.

"We hope that anyone, if they've been shocked by the decision to keep a body in their home, will stop and consider what they are keeping in their own kitchens and refrigerator," PETA spokesman Dan Carron said.

"We're hoping that the billboard is going to help make

something good come out of a very sad story."

That's unlikely, said York University marketing professor Alan Middleton. Middleton said extreme messaging is a hallmark of PETA advertising and often only mobilizes the group's hardcore supporters.

In 2003, PETA ran an ad campaign comparing the treatment of Jews in the Holocaust to the treatment of animals on factory farms.

Meanwhile, PETA said it's in "negotiations" with five

Benefit

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companies to run the new ad. Four of those companies, however, either don't have billboards in the Hamilton area or didn't know about the request when contacted by Metro.

Randy Otto, president of Pattison Outdoor, one of the companies PETA said it has contacted, was unaware of the proposal. He wouldn't comment on whether his company would run that kind of ad but said Pattison is a member of Ad Standards Canada and abides by its rules.

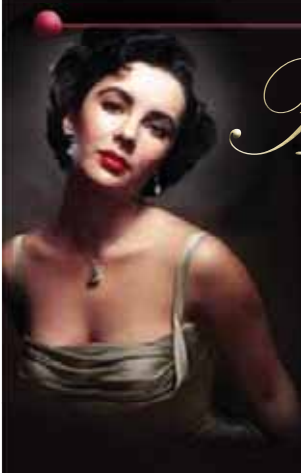
Ad Standards Canada administers a national advertising code of conduct, which in part prohibits ads that undermine human dignity.

Earlier this week, Ham-

ilton's Kaling Wald pleaded guilty to a charge of failing to notify police that her husband's corpse was in their home.

Peter Wald had diabetes and died about six months ago after his left foot became infected. He had refused to go to hospital, believing instead that God would cure him, according to court records.


"His wife is a devout Christian and her faith tainted and warped her better judgment," assistant Crown attorney Janet Booy said this week.



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Chimp not entitled to human freedoms

Animal rights.

Appeals court affirms that chimpanzees do not deserve basic rights such as freedom from imprisonment

A chimpanzee is not entitled to the rights of a human and does not have to be freed by its owner, a New York appeals court ruled Thursday.

The three-judge Appellate Division panel was unanimous in denying legal personhood to Tommy, who lives alone in a cage.

A trial-level court had previously denied the Nonhuman Rights Project's effort to have Tommy released. The group's lawyer, Steven Wise, told the appeals court in October that the chimp's living conditions are akin to a person in unlawful solitary confinement.

Wise argued that animals with human qualities, such as

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"Needless to say, unlike human beings, chimpanzees cannot bear any legal duties, submit to societal responsibilities or be held legally accountable for their actions."

From the decision, written by a three-judge appeal-court panel

chimps, deserve basic rights, including freedom from imprisonment. He has also sought the release of three other chimps in New York and said he plans similar cases in other states.

But the mid-level appeals court said there is no precedent for treating animals as persons and no legal basis.

"So far as legal theory is concerned, a person is any being whom the law regards as capable of rights and duties," the judges wrote. "Needless

to say, unlike human beings, chimpanzees cannot bear any legal duties, submit to societal responsibilities or be held legally accountable for their actions."

That, they ruled, makes it "inappropriate" to grant the rights of a human to the animal.

The Nonhuman Rights Project said it will appeal to the state's top court, citing other New York appeals-court rulings it says are at odds with Thursday's decision.

Tommy's owner, Patrick Lavery, said Thursday he was pleased and expected the ruling.

Tommy, believed to be about 40 years old, is a former entertainment chimp who was placed with Lavery about 10 years ago. Lavery said Tommy is cared for under strict state and federal licence rules.

The court noted there have been no claims that Tommy has been mistreated or any of those rules have been violated. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Prisoners crochet to honour Mandela

Ahead of the first anniversary of Nelson Mandela's death, inmates at the Zonderwater prison east of Pretoria, South Africa, have been making brightly colored blankets to commemorate the anti-apartheid leader who became the country's first black president. The prisoners have crocheted the blankets as part of a charity project for poor communities. **THEMBA HADEBE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Florida

School accused of promoting deceit

Prosecutors say a for-profit Florida college used exotic dancers as admissions officers, falsified documents and coached students to lie on financial forms as it fraudulently obtained millions in federal money.

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'Miracle'

Toddler recovering in Polish hospital

A Polish toddler found unconscious in sub-freezing temperatures hugged a teddy bear and called for his parents after only four days of treatment, his mother said Thursday, while his doctor described the boy's recovery as "a

miracle."

Adam, 2, spent an unknown number of hours outdoors in southern Poland. His body temperature was only 12.7 C, and his heart was beating extremely slowly when hospital treatment began early Sunday. He is recovering and breathing on his own.

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Yolanda Gutierrez, a two-year resident of a homeless encampment known as the Jungle, holds a sign in protest in San Jose, Calif., on Thursday. Police and social workers on Thursday began clearing away one of the nation's largest homeless encampments, a cluster of flimsy tents and plywood shelters that once housed more than 200 people in the heart of California's wealthy Silicon Valley. MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Police dismantle homeless camps

The Jungle. Despite a Monday notice, about 60 people remained Thursday morning

San Jose police and social workers on Thursday began clear-

ing away one of the largest U.S. homeless encampments, a cluster of flimsy tents and plywood shelters that once housed more than 200 people in the heart of California's wealthy Silicon Valley.

Authorities have been trying for years to resolve problems at the camp known as the

Jungle, including violence and unsanitary conditions.

On Monday, people living in the camp were given until Thursday to leave or face arrest for trespassing.

By Thursday morning, about 60 people were left at the garbage-strewn site.

Nancy Ortega sobbed as she

watched tractors load garbage into trash trucks.

Then a passing motorist shouted at those who had just been evicted.

"People drive by and look at us like we're circus animals," she said.

A few dozen protesters gathered at the site holding signs

reading "Homeless people matter" and "Stand with The Jungle." No arrests were reported.

With the camp cleared, officials planned to try to find shelter for the night for people connected with social services, although anyone not linked to a program still had to leave.

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Nancy Ortega, resident of the homeless encampment known as the Jungle



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20 dead. Chechnya's capital city attacked

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The clashes in Grozny, the city's biggest in years, dented a carefully nurtured image of stability created by Chechnya's Kremlin-backed strongman after two separatist conflicts. The new violence raised fears of more attacks in Chechnya and widening unrest in the rest of Russia's volatile North Cau-

casus region.

The Kavkaz Centre website, a mouthpiece for Islamic militant groups operating in the North Caucasus, carried a link to a video by an individual claiming responsibility for the attack. The man in the video said he was operating on orders from Emir Khamzat, reportedly a nom de guerre of Chechen warlord Aslan Byutukayev. The claim could not immediately be verified.

The insurgents in Chechnya and other Caucasus regions want to create an independent state governed by their strict interpretation of Islamic law.

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Yemen

Branch of al-Qaida threatens U.S. over hostage

Al-Qaida in Yemen released a video Thursday, after an American hostage was the

target of a rescue attempt by U.S. special forces last month, warning Washington not to try again, and giving it three days to meet unspecified demands.

"My life is in danger," photojournalist Luke Somers says in the footage.

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Civil rights leaders decry decision in chokehold case

Death of Eric Garner. Second non-indictment of a police officer in as many weeks prompts civil rights groups to march on Washington

Civil rights leaders Thursday decried the grand jury decision not to charge a white police officer in the chokehold death of a black man and announced plans for a march and a summit on racial justice in Washington later this month.

National Urban League President Marc Morial said the lack of an indictment in the death of Eric Garner was "a travesty of justice."

The decision Wednesday not to bring charges against Officer Daniel Pantaleo triggered protests around the country and sent thousands into New York's streets, where they marched, chanted and blocked traffic.

Police said 83 people were arrested, mostly on disorderly conduct charges.

Pantaleo's lawyer and police union officials argued that the grand jury got it right, saying that the officer used an authorized takedown move — not a banned chokehold — against a man who was resisting arrest. And they said Garner's poor health was the main cause of his death.

About 20 civil rights leaders met behind closed doors Thursday at the Rev. Al Sharpton's National Action Network headquarters. Sharpton said a civil rights summit will be held following a Dec. 13 march in Washington. He said the topics will include education and boycotts.

The Garner case — combined with the decision by a grand jury last week not to charge the white officer who shot and killed unarmed black 18-year-old Michael Brown in Ferguson, Mo. — stirred a national conversation about race,



A demonstrator holds up a sign as he lies in the street with others protesting the deaths of two unarmed black men at the hands of white police officers during a march through Pittsburgh on Thursday. KEITH SRAKOCIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

police training and the grand jury process.

Garner, 43, died after a scuffle broke out July 17 as officers tried to arrest him for sell-

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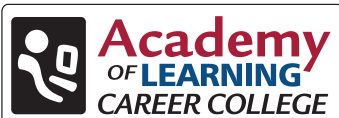
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Dollarama. Discount store facing rising costs

Dollarama is facing rising costs, including higher minimum wages, new duties on imports and the inflationary impact of a lower Canadian dollar.

"We're hearing about even price increases on incoming inbound freight from the Orient," CEO Larry Rossy said Thursday during a conference call to discuss third-quarter results.

The Montreal-based retailer said labour costs are rising as five provinces have increased minimum wages by an average of 2.5 per cent and a lower loonie is driving the cost of imports that fill its store shelves higher.

Costs are also expected to rise when tariffs increase on many imported products from China and other countries starting in January.

Dollarama said it plans to offset the higher costs by improving its efficiency rather than cutting jobs.

Despite the challenges, the discount retailer beat expectations as its profits surged on improved same-store sales.

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Alix Box, president and CEO of Second Cup, sits at the "slow bar" at a redesigned Second Cup coffee outlet in Toronto on Thursday. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Second Cup. Chain perks up format with 'slow bar'

The Second Cup Ltd. has unveiled a new-format store that includes a redesigned circular "slow bar" where patrons can plug in their personal electronics while they sit and watch servers work an array of high-end brewing machines.

The new store at King and John streets — in Toronto's theatre district — is part of the specialty coffee chain's attempt to inject new life into a Canadian brand that has languished in recent years.

Among other things, the new-look Second Cup café has a steampunk coffee and tea brewing system that the company describes as "true theatre in motion."

It has also collaborated with Canadian artists to design special paper cups: Optimism by Matt Andres of British Col-

umbia, Creativity from Adrian Forrow of Ontario, and Collaboration by Zela Lobb from Quebec.

The Mississauga, Ont.-based franchise company has been working for months to recover its position in the Canadian market, hiring Alix Box — who has held senior positions at Holt Renfrew and Starbucks — as its chief executive in February.

Second Cup has been faced with increased competition in recent years from both high-end coffee retailers such as Starbucks and major restaurant chains like Tim Hortons and McDonald's.

In the third quarter, it reported a \$26.2 million loss — mostly due to a writedown of its trademarks' value.

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Lawsuit over toilet breaks

Work. Woman alleges pregnancy and gender discrimination after being told she was taking too many bathroom breaks

An Oregon woman is suing her former high-tech employer for more than \$400,000 US, contending she was fired while pregnant with her second child after being told she took too many restroom breaks.

The suit filed in circuit court says Dawn Steckmann and other employees were never told they needed to clock out before using the restroom at Maxim Integrated Products, The Oregonian reported. The company makes wafers for wireless devices at its plant in the Portland suburb of Beaverton.

Maxim lawyer Melissa Healy declined comment, citing the pending litigation.

The lawsuit alleges preg-

nancy and gender discrimination.

It says when Steckmann was pregnant with her first child in 2011, she asked a supervisor whether she should go off the clock because she was urinating more frequently, and was told that wasn't necessary.

During her second pregnancy in 2013, restroom visits were more frequent because of a bladder condition caused by her first pregnancy, and "she would not even have had time to clock out to use the restroom without an accident," the suit says.

In June 2013, Steckmann was called to a meeting with her supervisor and a human resources manager who asked why she was not clocking out for restroom breaks. Her supervisor claimed he had told Steckmann she needed to clock out. The human resources manager told Steckmann that for all he knew, she could be watching movies in the bathroom, according to the lawsuit.

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Giant backlog

L.L. Bean duck boot too popular

Demand for L.L. Bean boots is surging — so much so that some customers will have to wait until February to get their holiday purchases.

A backlog of 60,000 orders of the rubber-bottomed, leather-topped "duck boot" could grow to 100,000 by month's end.

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Diapers, baby wipes

Amazon launching line of baby gear

Amazon is launching its own line of diapers and baby wipes exclusively for its Prime members in the U.S. to get more shoppers to sign up for the \$99 US annual program.

The new line, Amazon Elements, will mean tougher competition for traditional consumer product companies, said Bernstein Research analyst Carlos Kirjner, and they may have to change the way they sell and price their own goods.

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Giving a jolt

Starbucks aims to speed up lines

Starbucks plans to let customers across the U.S. order ahead of time on their smartphones over the next year, a move that should help keep lines in check as it pushes more snacks, sandwiches and even wine.

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Weighing rare bird's protection vs. energy projects

Efforts to conserve a struggling species of grouse that ranges across the Western U.S. are having far-reaching effects on the region's energy industry as the Obama administration decides whether the bird needs more protections.

Sales of leases on 8.1 mil-

lion acres of federal oil and gas parcels — an area larger than Massachusetts and Rhode Island combined — are on hold because of worries that drilling could harm greater sage grouse, according to government data obtained by The Associated Press.

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management's delay on the parcels underscores just how much is at stake for an industry that finds its future inextricably intertwined with a bird once known primarily for its elaborate mating display.

The grouse's huge range, covering portions of 11 states and an area more than four times as big as New England, includes vast oil, gas and coal reserves and the best type of windy, open country for developing wind power.

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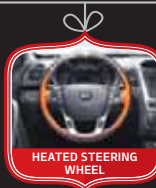
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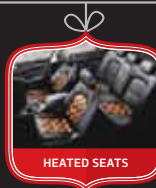
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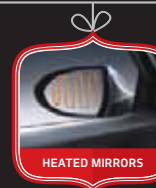
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VOICES

CLOSE THE ENVELOPE ON OPEN LETTERS, PLEASE


THE KOHLER REPORT
By Rebecca Kohler

I'd write an open letter to open letters if I could stomach writing an open letter. I find it difficult to read one without cringing at least once.

I can't quite put my finger on why, but I guess it's that they're publicly private in a way that makes me uncomfortable; like a drunk wife berating her husband for his lack of table manners in front of dinner guests (think *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*). It's not that I have a problem with people publicly voicing their opinions (clearly, I write a column that appears on a page of the paper called "Voices"), it's that I wonder why you would feel the need to make it personal.

We've seen a rash of open letters this year — Sinead O'Connor to Miley Cyrus, Jian Ghomeshi's TMI opus to the world — and this week that rash looked like it needed some ointment.

Last week we had that (really dumb) one from Republican Party communications director Elizabeth Lauten to the Obama girls. In it, Lauten admonished Sasha and Malia for not having enough "class" while attending the Turkey Pardoning. First of all, give those kids a break — I'm sure they'd rather be hanging out with friends than their dad and an undercooked piece of poultry. Second, Ms. Lauten, how "classy" is it for a GOP staffer to attack the First Children on her Facebook page? I guess it's classy enough to warrant your resignation.

We also saw an O.L. from model Arisze Wanzer to Kendall Jenner. The bitter tirade scolds Jenner for not having had to work as hard as other models to find success.

"Take a moment and remove yourself from your current situation ... to a life that isn't riddled with excess and only hearing the word 'yes'," Wanzer writes.

I get it, yes: People with golden horseshoes up their genetically superior rear ends are irritating, and I'm always in the mood

Leave them alone

Ms. Lauten, how "classy" is it for a GOP staffer to attack the First Children on her Facebook page?

for a good Kardashian bashing. But this isn't Kendall Jenner's fault, it's the modelling industry's. They're the ones that gave Jenner the work. Aside from this letter revealing that you're insecure and sour (let's face it, you're probably really hungry), you've also aimed your letter at the wrong target. Besides, Kendall is so rich, she probably can't even read.

On Wednesday, the National Post printed an open letter from Canadian musician Dave Bidini to Joni Mitchell. In it, he references a recent Maclean's article in which Mitchell said a lot of uncomplimentary things about her fans, and a few too many complimentary

things about herself. It's true, she sounded like a cow with a sore udder. Though I agreed with Bidini, I was still getting that uncomfortable open-letter feeling.

But then I thought, "Maybe this was the only appropriate format." How else would Bidini pitch that to the National Post? "I want to write an article about how Joni Mitchell is a piece of poo." So maybe sometimes open letters are necessary?

That said, I'm still firm on my original stance. I find open letters masturbatory — they're basically talking to themselves — condescending, and self-aggrandizing.

So, here's an open "note" to open letter writers: If you don't know someone well enough to have their mailing address, chances are, they don't know you well enough to care what you think.

Rebecca Kohler is a stand-up comic, writer, actor, gymnast, lawyer and chemist. (Some of this isn't true.) Follow her on Twitter at @becca_kohler

Happy face/Sad face

From reissued birth notices to whack decrees by dictators, Metro weighs in on the news that made headlines this week:


GIRL SCOUT COOKIES

Ever see adorable Girl Guides selling cookies and panic when you realize you don't have cash? If you live in the U.S., that panic's a thing of the past. The American equivalent, Girl Scout cookies, are going online for the first time ever. Sadly, Canadian guides aren't following suit, but that doesn't mean we can't be happy for our friends south of the border.


ABSURD EDICTS

In crazy dictator news, North Korea has made it illegal to go by Kim Jong-Un — the name of the country's young and eccentric leader. And in China, puns have been banned in an effort to stifle government dissent — or as the government would say, prevent "cultural and linguistic chaos."


GOOD SAMARITAN POLICE IN TENNESSEE

When a Salvation Army shelter in Tennessee turned away a family of five because it said their teen son was too old for the family wing and too young for the men's wing, they faced a frigid night in their car. That's when the local police stepped in. Officers pooled their cash and took them to a hotel for the night. When the hotel clerk insisted on comping the family their room, officers used the cash to buy the family groceries.



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A couple is accused of using a fake pregnancy belly to hide items they stole from an electronics store north of Toronto. The alleged act was caught on camera. Shame for co-opting the miracle of life for greed. But points for creativity, we guess.


PARENTS OF TRANSGENDER TEEN

An Australian couple is getting high-fives from around the world after re-issuing a tear-jerking birth notice for their transgender teen: "In 1995 we announced the arrival of our sprogget, Elizabeth Anne, as a daughter. He informs us that we were mistaken. Oops! Our bad. We would now like to present, our wonderful son — Kai Bogert. Loving you is the easiest thing in the world. Tidy your room." *sniff*

Onscreen sizzle a real-life fizzle

Casting. Despite strong sparks in their film pairings, Jennifer Lawrence and Bradley Cooper insist there is no romance off-screen, just like many popular movie couples

Bradley Cooper and Jennifer Lawrence first paired off in *Silver Linings Playbook* — he was a divorced substitute teacher, jailed for beating his wife's boyfriend half to death; she was a troubled widow who needed his help to win a dance competition — and sparks flew.

Next they shared scenes, but no romance, in *American Hustle*. And, this weekend, they make it a trifecta with the release of *Serena*.

Based on the novel by Ron Rash, Cooper and Lawrence play husband and wife lumber barons whose marriage becomes strained after she suffers a miscarriage.

Despite having shared love scenes in movies, Cooper says they have kept the romance onscreen.

"I mean, first of all, I could be her father," he says.

The re-teaming of Cooper and Lawrence in *Serena* proves that lightning does not always strike thrice.

The "it" couple had chemistry to burn in their previous pairings but fail to set off sparks here. As George and Serena they are ruthless and selfish, which should be the stuff of interesting characters, but the story throws so many hurdles their way that eventually it becomes one big, boring blur.

Some onscreen couples, however, have managed to



Jennifer Lawrence and Bradley Cooper play married lumber barons in *Serena*. CONTRIBUTED

In Review

RICHARD CROUSE



Serena

Director. Susanne Bier

Stars. Jennifer Lawrence, Bradley Cooper

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Jennifer Lawrence plays the title character, the ambitious wife of George Pemberton (Bradley Cooper), a lumber baron struggling to keep his business afloat in Depression-era North Carolina. A miscarriage drives a wedge between them, a rift exacerbated by the arrival

of a son George fathered by another woman. *Serena* has all the makings of an epic story. Betrayal, jealousy, murder and money swirl around the central characters, but instead of combining to create a compelling narrative, the elements collide in a big bang of schlock. From the broad southern accents to the dirt-smeared Rhys Ifans as Serena's violent lap dog, everything about this movie seems to verge on caricature.

keep the flame alive through several films.

After a 16-year separation, Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan — the pre-eminent cinema sweethearts of the 1990s — will reunite in the World War II drama *Ithaca*.

The three rom coms that made them superstars, *Joe Versus the Volcano*, *Sleepless in Seattle* and *You've Got Mail*, were fuelled by the platonic chemistry they share in real life.

"He makes me feel less alone," says Ryan.

Kate Winslet and co-star Leonardo DiCaprio are so close in real life that her children refer to him as Uncle Leo.

As *Titanic*'s star-crossed lovers Jack and Rose, they defined romantic tragedy for a whole generation before recoupling 11 years later in the feel-bad love story *Revolutionary Road*.

Despite what fans thought, their friendship never turned romantic off-screen. "He always saw me as one of the boys," said Kate.

Despite falling in love over and over again in movies like *The Wedding Singer*, *50 First Dates* and *Blended*, Drew Barrymore says she and Adam Sandler have exchanged nothing more than a "church kiss."

"That's probably why we've been able to stick together all these years," she says, "because there never was that awkward moment."

The lesson learned is that chemistry off-screen often leads to good results on the screen, but not always. Tony Curtis and Marilyn Monroe fogged up the lens in *Some Like It Hot*, but reportedly did not like one another.

"It was like kissing Hitler," said Curtis.

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Casting. Jonah Hill eyes pothead role in film by *The Hangover* director

Jonah Hill is in talks to join Miles Teller (*Divergent*) in *Arms and the Dudes*, the next feature from *The Hangover* director Todd Phillips. The two actors are in line to replace Jesse Eisenberg and Shia LaBeouf, who were initially attached to headline the comedy.

Inspired by a Rolling Stone article by journalist Guy Lawson, *Arms and the Dudes* follows two Miami Beach potheads who — through an unlikely set of circumstances — land a contract to supply weapons to the U.S. government. **AFF**



Jonah Hill **AFF**

Culture

Nemo gets Navajo translation

The story of a clownfish who is encouraged by an energetic but short-minded friend to "just keep swimming" in the search for his son is being told in Navajo.

The Navajo Nation Museum announced this week that it's teaming up with Walt Disney Studios to dub the movie "Finding Nemo"

in Navajo. Museum director Manuelito Wheeler says he's hopeful the film's tale of perseverance catches on with Navajos wanting to learn their language.

Finding Nemo is the second major motion picture to be translated into the Navajo language, after *Star Wars*.

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Comedy



Corner Gas: The Movie

Director. David Storey

Stars. Brent Butt, Gabrielle Miller

As the town of Dog River goes bankrupt, the residents of the town must pack up and move out. However, our favourite citizens make one last-ditch effort to save Dog River.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: Audience:
No reviews yet +100%

Documentary



Citizenfour

Director. Laura Poitras

Stars. Edward Snowden

In January 2013, Poitras was several years into making a film about surveillance in the post-9/11 era when she started receiving encrypted e-mails from someone identifying himself as "citizen four," who was ready to blow the whistle on the massive covert surveillance programs run by the NSA and other intelligence agencies. The man turned out to be Edward Snowden.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: Audience:
96% 92%

Western/Drama



The Homesman

Director. Tommy Lee Jones

Stars. Tommy Lee Jones, Hilary Swank

When three women living on the edge of the American frontier are driven mad by harsh pioneer life, the task of saving them falls to the pious, independent-minded Mary Bee Cuddy (Hilary Swank). Transporting the women by covered wagon to Iowa, she soon realizes just how daunting the journey will be, and employs a low-life drifter (Tommy Lee Jones), to join her.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: Audience:
77% 51%

Drama



Whiplash

Director. Damien Chazelle

Stars. Miles Teller, J.K. Simmons

Andrew Neyman is a young jazz drummer, single-minded in his pursuit to rise to the top of his elite east coast music conservatory. Plagued by the failed writing career of his father, Andrew hungers day and night to become one of the greats. Terence Fletcher, an instructor equally known for his terrifying talents as for his terrifying methods, leads the top jazz ensemble in the school.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: Audience:
96% 94%

Comedy



Horrible Bosses 2

Director. Sean Anders

Stars. Jason Bateman, Jason Sudeikis, Charlie Day

The followup to the 2011 hit comedy Horrible Bosses reunites Jason Bateman, Charlie Day and Jason Sudeikis as everyone's favourite working stiffs: Nick, Dale and Kurt. Jennifer Aniston (We're the Millers), and Oscar winners Jamie Foxx (Ray) and Kevin Spacey (American Beauty, The Usual Suspects) also reprise their Horrible Bosses starring roles.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: Audience:
35% 65%

Sci-Fi/Adventure



Interstellar

Director. Christopher Nolan

Stars. Matthew McConaughey, Anne Hathaway, Jessica Chastain

With our time on Earth coming to an end, a team of explorers undertakes the most important mission in human history; traveling beyond this galaxy to discover whether mankind has a future among the stars.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: Audience:
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Gabrielle Miller, Brent Butt and Fred Ewanuick star in *Corner Gas: The Movie*. CONTRIBUTED

Dog River gang has 5 days to stave off bankruptcy

Corner Gas: The Movie. Big-screen adaptation will only play in theatres for a week before moving to TV and a DVD release

RICHARD CROUSE
Metro in Hollywood

Six years after *Corner Gas* called it quits on the small screen, the citizens of Dog River are back and bigger than ever. *Corner Gas: The Movie* will play in theatres for five days before moving to television and then a DVD release, all in time for Christmas.

"It's all very fast," says star Brent Butt. "I don't think it

has ever been done before."

The pace of the film's release schedule may be accelerated, but Butt and company took their time bringing the show to the big screen.

"When we wrapped the series up, the notion was, 'It would be great if we could come back one more time to do a movie,'" he says. "We didn't know if we could come up with a script that would justify doing the movie. It's weird. If you are trying to convert a known 22-minute project that has a known rhythm and characters, and try and make that live over 90 minutes, it's a trick. You can't do that easily. You can do it poorly easily, but to do it well is tough."

The film sees the good folks of Dog River attempting

to save the town from bankruptcy by winning the Quaintest Town in Canada contest.

"One of my first thoughts was, 'Will it just be like a really long episode?'" said series star Fred Ewanuick, who plays Hank. "Because that would suck. When I first got the script, right away, I thought, 'It's a feature script. That's good.' It's still *Corner Gas*, we're not going to knock anybody's socks off, and it is not this whole new thing, but it works as a film."

"I agree with that," chimes in Gabrielle Miller, who plays Lacey. "Except we are going to knock your socks off."

The film comes almost six years after the 107th and final episode of the popular sitcom aired.

"It felt like we had just

been on a really long hiatus," said series regular Tara Spencer-Nairn, who plays Karen.

"We were all just a little bit older. All the men had to get their hair coloured. On the first day, all the girls were in hair and makeup tests and the boys all went to get their hair coloured."

The cast fell right back into their roles, despite the long break, but Butt said this may be the last time they are all in Dog River together.

"I'm a never-say-never kind of guy, but the plan isn't to do another one."

Fans shouldn't give up hope, though. When co-star Fred Ewanuick suggests another related project, Butt's eyes brighten.

"*Corner Gascapades*? I could work with that."

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The Oscar race this year is already something of a head-scratcher, and right at the centre of it is a surprisingly light field of best actress contenders. Despite a clear front-runner — Julianne Moore for her devastating performance in *Still Alice* — the category is looking a bit thin. Here's a look at the contenders:

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A look at a light year of best actresses



The shoo-in

Julianne Moore, *Still Alice*

Seriously, Moore's toughest acting job now is continuing to be surprised each time she nabs a trophy between now and Feb. 22. She's basically this year's McConaughey.



The sure-thing nominations

Rosamund Pike, *Gone Girl*

People might have come for a glimpse at Ben Affleck's junk, but they stayed for Pike's surprising, chilly performance.

Reese Witherspoon, *Wild*

Previous winner Witherspoon turns in a solidly harrowing performance in *Wild*, but it falls just short of the mark.

Felicity Jones, *The Theory of Everything*

It took some time for critics to see past the brilliance of her co-star — and another shoo-in nominee — Eddie Redmayne, but Jones should be recognized as well for her stellar work as Stephen Hawking's first wife, Jane.



The strong possibilities

Hillary Swank, *The Homesman*

Two-time Oscar winner Swank has been looking for that comeback vehicle to bring her a third trophy for a while, and this one came close, but maybe voters just weren't in the mood for a gritty frontier drama this year.

Jennifer Aniston, *Cake*

While some have dismissed Aniston's turn in this indie as little more than makeup-free stunt-casting, she shows some impressive dramatic chops — which anyone who's seen *The Good Girl* or *Friends with Money* already knew about.



Might we also recommend

Scarlett Johansson, *Under the Skin*

If the Academy wanted to play things a little riskier, it could recognize the *Avengers* star's transformative — and nearly silent — work in Jonathan Glazer's hypnotic and eerie science-fiction thriller.

Emily Blunt, *Into the Woods*

It might be tough to single out anyone in this sprawling ensemble as a "lead," but Blunt comes closest as the Baker's Wife. And she's a standout in that big cast, holding her own against Meryl Streep, even.



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Nightcrawler (14A) Fri 6:55-9:35 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:25-6:55-9:35 Mon-Thu 6:55-9:35
Ouija (14A) Fri 7-9:25 Sat-Sun 12:35-2:45-7-9:25 Mon-Thu 7-9:25
Whiplash (14A) Fri 6:45-9:45 Sat-Sun 12:15-3-6:45-9:45 Mon-Thu 6:45-9:45

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Almost Famous (14A) Wed 7
Big (STC) Sat 2
Brothers in the Buddha (STC) Sat 4:15
Frank (14A) Sat-Sun 9:30 Mon 9
Modern Times (STC) Thu 7
Paris, Texas (STC) Thu 9
The Red Pony (STC) Mon 7
Rome, Open City (PG) Fri 7 Sun 12:30
The Sun 7
The Room (STC) Fri 11:30
Santa Claus Conquers the Martians (STC) Tue 7
Spring Alibi (STC) Sun 3
Tusk (14A) Fri 9:15 Sat 7:15 Wed 9:30

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Action Jackson (STC) Fri 6:15-9:20
Sat-Sun 3-6:15-9:20 Mon 6:15-9:20 Tue

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Before I Go to Sleep (14A) Fri 4:45-6:55-9:05 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:45-6:55-9:05 Mon 4:45-6:55-9:05 Tue 1:30-4:45-6:55-9:05 Wed-Thu 4:45-6:55-9:05
The Best of Me (PG) Fri 4:35-7:35 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:35-7:35 Mon 4:35-7:35 Tue 1:40-4:35-7:35 Wed-Thu 4:35-7:35
The Boxtrolls (PG) Fri-Thu 4:15-9:20
The Boxtrolls 3D (PG) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 1:45-7 Mon 7 Tue 1:45-7 Wed-Thu 7
Chaar Sahibzaade (PG) Fri-Thu 4
Chaar Sahibzaade 3D (PG) Fri 6:40-9:30
Sat-Sun 1:15-6:40-9:30 Mon 6:40-9:30 Tue 1:15-6:40-9:30 Wed-Thu 6:40-9:30
Dawn of the Planet of the Apes (PG) Fri-Thu 4-6:50
Dawn of the Planet of the Apes 3D (PG)



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Guardians of the Galaxy (PG) Fri 6:35 Sat-Sun 1:20-6:35 Mon 6:35 Tue 1:20-6:35 Wed-Thu 6:35
Guardians of the Galaxy 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 4:20-9:40
Happy Ending (PG) Fri 4:50-7:45 Sat-Sun 1:55-4:50-7:45 Mon 4:50-7:45 Tue 1:55-4:50-7:45 Wed-Thu 4:50-7:45
The Maze Runner (PG) Fri 4:10-6:30-9:10 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:10-6:30-9:10 Mon 4:10-6:30-9:10 Tue 1:10-4:10-6:30-9:10 Wed-Thu 4:10-6:30-9:10
Past Tense (STC) Fri 4:05-6:45-9:15 Sat-Sun 1:05-4:05-6:45-9:15 Mon 4:05-6:45-9:15 Tue 1:05-4:05-6:45-9:15 Wed-Thu 4:05-6:45-9:15

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Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 4:15-7:05
This Is Where I Leave You (14A) Fri-Thu 7:10-9:45

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Big Hero 6 (G) Fri 1:40-4:20 Sat 11:10-12:20-1:40-4:20 Sun 12:20-1:40-4:20 Mon-Thu 1:40-4:20
Big Hero 6 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:40-6:50-9:30
Bolshoi Ballet: La Bayadere (STC) Sun 12:55
A Christmas Story (STC) Sat 11
Corner Gas: The Movie (PG) Fri 7
Sat-Sun 1-7
Dumb and Dumber To (PG) Fri 2-4:40-7:50-10:30 Sat 11:20-2-4:40-7:50-10:30

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Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
St. Vincent (PG) Fri 12:50-3:20-9:40 Sat 3:45-9:40 Sun 4:30-9:40 Mon-Thu 12:50-3:20-6:20-8:50
The Theory of Everything (G) Fri-Thu 1-4-7-9:50

Princess I & II 10337 Whyte Ave.

Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance) (14A) Fri 9 Sat-Sun 3:30-9 Mon-Thu 9
The Homesman (STC) Fri 6:50-9:15 Sat-Sun 2-6:50-9:15 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:15
On Any Sunday: The Next Chapter (STC) Tue 7-9
St. Vincent (PG) Fri 6:45 Sat-Sun 1-6:45

Mon 6:45 Wed-Thu 6:45

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Big Hero 6 3D (G) Fri-Sun 11:55-2:40-5:25-8:05-10:45 Mon-Thu 2:30-5:10-7:45-10:25
Dumb and Dumber To (PG) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:25-7:20-10:10-10:40 Mon-Tue 1:40-4:25-7:05-9:50-10:35 Wed 1:40-4:20-8-9:50-10:35 Thu 1:40-4:25-7:05-9:50
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Interstellar (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:50-8:30
Interstellar: The IMAX Experience (PG) Fri-Sun 11:50-3:25-6:55-10:25 Mon-Thu 2:40-6:35-10:10 Wed-Thu 2:45-6:35-10:10
National Theatre Live: John (STC) Wed 7
Penguins of Madagascar (G) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:10-5:35-8 Mon-Tue 1:05-3:25-5:40-8 Wed 3:25-5:40-8 Thu 12:45-3:10-5:35-8-10:20 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
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South Edmonton Common, 1525 99th St.

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The Imitation Game (PG) Thu 7
Interstellar (PG) Fri-Tue 2:15-6-9:35 Wed 2:15-8-9:35 Thu 2:15-6-9:35
The Metropolitan Opera: Le Nozze Di Figaro - Encore (STC) Sat 10

**South Edmonton
Common, 1525 99th St.**

National Theatre Live: John (STC) Wed 7
 Penguins of Madagascar (G) Fri-Sun 12:25-4:50-7:15-9:40 Mon 9:40 Tue 2:25-4:50-7:10-9:40 Wed 2:25-4:50-7:10-7:40-9:40 Thu 2:25-4:50-7:10 Mon 2:25-4:50-7:10 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
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 St. Vincent (PG) Fri 2:35-5:05-7:35-10:10 Sat 5:05-7:35-10:10 Sun 7:25-9:50 Mon-Tue 1:35-4:05-6:35-9:10 Wed 1:35-4:05-10:10 Thu 4:05-10:25 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1

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Science
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D-Day: Normandy 1944 3D (PG) Wed 4:20
 Home Alone (STC) Fri 7
 How the Grinch Stole Christmas (G) Sun 5:45
 Indiana Jones and The Raiders of the Lost Ark: The IMAX Experience (14A) Fri-Sat 9:30
 Island of Lemurs: Madagascar 3D (G) Fri 5:45 Sat 10:2-15:5-45 Sun 10-2:15 Tue 11-4:20 Thu 10-4:20
 Jerusalem 3D (G) Fri 2:15 Sat-Sun 12-4:35 Mon-Thu 2 Wed 3:10
 National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (STC) Sat 7
 Pandas: The Journey Home 3D (G) Fri-Sun 1:10-3:25 Mon-Tue 3:10 Thu 3:10
 Rocky Mountain Express (G) Fri 11-4:35 Sat-Sun 11 Mon 2

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Park, 2020 Sherwood Dr.,
Sherwood Park**

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 Big Hero 6 3D (G) Fri 4:45-7:30-10:10 Sat 11:10-1:55-4:45-7:30-10:10 Sun 1:55-4:45-7:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 7:20-10:05
 A Christmas Story (STC) Sat 11
 Corner Gas: The Movie (PG) Fri 7
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Corner Gas: The Movie (PG) Fri-Sun 1-3:25-7
 Horrible Bosses 2 (14A) Fri-Sun 1-3:30-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 7-9:30
 The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 (PG) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:35-6:50-9:35 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:35
 Nightcrawler (14A) Fri-Sun 9:15 Mon-

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 Serena (14A) Fri 5-7:55-10:45 Sat 12:40-3:30-6:50-9:40 Sun 1-3:45-6:30-9:15 Mon-Wed 6:50-9:30 Thu 7:15-9:55

Bad guys club**Will Smith, Jared
Leto, Tom Hardy
suit up for
Suicide Squad**

Will Smith, Jared Leto and Tom Hardy are suiting up for DC Comics' supervillain team-up film Suicide Squad.

Warner Bros. confirmed the much anticipated casting of the film in an announcement Tuesday.

Smith will star as Deadshot, Hardy will play the group's leader, Rick Flagg, and Leto will take on the Joker, following in Heath Ledger's footsteps.

The rest of the gang will be Margot Robbie as Harley Quinn; Jai Courtney as Boomerang; and Cara Delevingne as Enchantress.

David Ayer, who recently released the Second World War tank thriller Fury, will write and direct.

Suicide Squad is to be released in August 2016.

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**Animated short. Frozen
franchise shows no signs of
cooling as film announced**

Frozen favourites Anna, Elsa, and Olaf are headed back to the big screen in a new short film.

Walt Disney Animation Studios announced Wednesday it plans to show Frozen Fever in front of the live-action

Cinderella that opens in theatres March 13.

The short reunites the Oscar-winning directing team from Frozen: Jennifer Lee and Chris Buck.

It will tell the story of Elsa and Kristoff's attempt to plan a birthday party for Anna.

Frozen is the fifth-highest grossing film of all time, with over \$1.27 billion worldwide, and it continues to resonate with audiences.

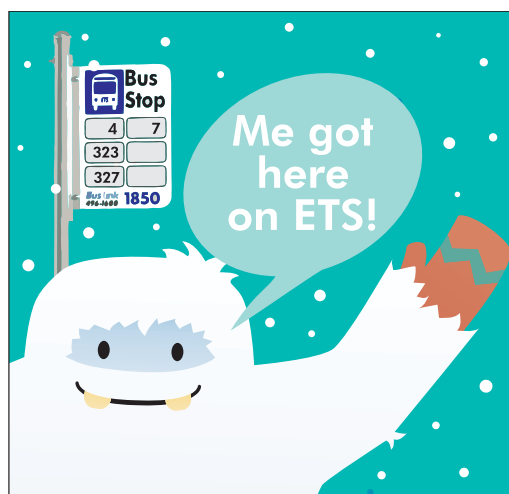
Disney has had massive success with live-action updates of its animated classics, in-

cluding 2014's Maleficent. But the promise of a Frozen short with Cinderella will likely prove to be icing on their fairy tale cake.

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**Bonding time with the Spectre set**

British actress Naomi Harris, left, French actress Lea Seydoux, British actor Daniel Craig, Italian actress Monica Bellucci and Austrian actor Christoph Waltz will star in the next James Bond film Spectre, in a new outing promising a strong dose of 007 nostalgia. The movie — titled after a global criminal organization featuring in the early Bond films — will be shot in Mexico City, Rome and Tangiers and will also see Britain's famous spy returning to the ski slopes, in Austria, director Sam Mendes said on Thursday at Pinewood Studios. AFP



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Why Barry Lyndon may be Kubrick's best film

Movie breakdown.

While it was initially met with indifference, this drama is now receiving its due praise

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Despite Stanley Kubrick's untouchable reputation, his films have always been greeted with at least some hostility.

Barry Lyndon had it worse than most. It was met with polite indifference.

A languid costume drama sandwiched in between two hard-R barnburners (*A Clockwork Orange* and *The Shining*), it has generally been treated like a fat cultural vegetable — something to watch out of necessity, not fun.

The tide has shifted in the last decade or so. Now it's the dark horse in the director's oeuvre — the cool, hip pick, championed by the likes of Martin Scorsese. This acclaim is justly deserved.

It's among Kubrick's trickiest and most subtle works, as well as just as radical a work in duration and hypnotic snail-pacing as 2001: *A Space Odyssey*.

It's a po-faced take on a jaunty picaresque romp by William Makepeace Thackeray, transforming a snickering com-

edy into a tragedy, all while retaining a satirical tone of knowing bemusement.

It also may be Kubrick's most complicated portrayal of an unlikeable protagonist — a type in which he loved to trade.

Redmond Barry, Barry Lyndon's hero, played by Ryan O'Neal, is fully on the anti-side — an Irish commoner-turned-rogue, who schemes his way into a fortune, only to lose it through hubris. Among his acts are becoming a gambling cheat, romancing a Lady purely to obtain (and nearly blow through) her fortune, and treating her son terribly.

And yet it's impossible to totally hate him. That's in part due to some very subtle manipulations, most of them done in the first half.

Barry Lyndon is equipped with an omniscient, wry narrator (the great Michael Hordern) who dryly comments on the action, wittily mocking those who think they've got a grip on their fortunes by alluding to failures to come.

But the narrator remains deeply empathic towards Redmond's plight. The many backslides that befall Redmond are described by the narrator as ones that befall us all.

Kubrick is often chastised for his clinical tone, and Barry Lyndon was raked over the coals for being especially distant. It's not clear if those lodging these complaints snored

through the film's handful of nakedly gutting set pieces.

No other Kubrick film contains as devastating a scene as the one where Redmond, barely able to hold back tears, regales his about-to-die son, felled by a horse accident, of a tall version of his military victories, while a Schubert piece further jostles about our emotions.

In an excellent episode of the podcast *The Cinephiliacs*,

the critic Bilge Ebiri elucidated upon the crafty ways the narration plays with the characters.

It reveals their downfalls before they know it's even a possibility, and notes, in the final text screen, that "good or bad, handsome or ugly, rich or poor, they are all equal now." (Ebiri also points out that even the narrator is upstaged: When he starts reading an obituary, he's interrupted by the intermission

and never gets to complete his words.)

But Lyndon goes farther than even that. The narrator feigns omniscience and even points out how he knows things that no one remembers. Of a minor skirmish in the Seven Years' War, he quips, "Though this encounter is not recorded in any history books, it was memorable enough for those who took part."

But our guide isn't so god-like, and after Redmond, reduced to one leg and an annual pittance, leaves the Lyndons' lives, he remarks that data on the remainder of his life is sketchy, barely known. It's a reminder that life is fleeting and at best most of us will be remembered as a mere statistic, if that. If you don't make the history books, you might as well never have existed at all.



Ryan O'Neal as Redmond Barry in *Barry Lyndon*. CONTRIBUTED

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Barry Lyndon can be found in the Blu-ray set Stanley Kubrick: *The Masterpiece Collection*, out now, which contains

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WWII hero saved millions, but few know his name

The Imitation Game.

Alan Turing invented a computer that cracked Nazi codes and helped Allies win the war, but he was arrested and castrated for being gay

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Mathematician, statistician and early computer scientist Alan Turing was a British war hero, but no one knew until years later because no one was supposed to know.

Under the cloak of secrecy at Bletchley Hall, the U.K.'s cypher and spy school, he invented the electromagnetic machine. It was an early computer that broke the German Enigma code and intercepted military messages, assuring an Allied victory.

When Turing's work was finally revealed, Sir Winston Churchill called it "the greatest single contribution to the Allied victory over the Nazis."

Turing may have saved millions of lives and shortened the war by two to four years, but he was arrested for being gay, a crime in the U.K. until 1967, and was forced into chemical castration. It led to his early death in 1952.

Benedict Cumberbatch plays the tragic hero in Morten Tyldum's *The Imitation Game*, with Matthew Goode and Allen Leech as his Bletchley Park colleagues. They hope to bring Turing's heroism to a new generation.

"There are huge amounts of people that don't know about him," says Cumberbatch. "And (they are) even more important than those who do — people who appreciate what he achieved and stood for, both as a gay icon and as a genius who basically was at the forefront of the birth of the computer age and a war hero."

"The number of people who don't know about him, or only have a scant idea of him, is in extraordinary proportion to his achievements and what he endured in his life. So my kind of weight and responsibility tends to



Benedict Cumberbatch plays Second World War scientist Alan Turing in *The Imitation Game*. CONTRIBUTED

wards wanting this to get to as broad an audience as possible."

Turing is portrayed as being a loner and difficult to

work with, perhaps for fear of being outed. Goode and Leech found that their real life counterparts, Hugh Alexander and John Cairncross,

were wary of him.

"He's not the easiest man to like, which is something I liked about Benedict's acting choices," says Goode.

Secret quest

There was plenty the cast wasn't privy to when researching *The Imitation Game*. "Bletchley Park was shrouded in secrecy and the characters we played were the most secretive of all," explains Allen Leech. "So a lot of the information would have been destroyed and, even when we did approach people who had worked there, they still, 70 years on, weren't prepared to speak about it."

Cumberbatch, Goode and Leech agree Turing was dealt an unfair hand but feel the film is a celebration of his life and work.

"Not just the Enigma Code, but about this man and the team around him — this incredible man who has never been given the proper accolades he deserves," says Leech.

"It's a celebration of why different is good, why different can win a World War," Goode adds.

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Captain Martin Crieff, Cabin Pressure

As a young pilot with more passion than skill for flying, Cumberbatch is the earnest straight man of the BBC radio comedy Cabin Pressure, which will arrive at the end of its alphabetical journey with a Christmas special this month. He plays the overeager, rule-happy heart of a small private charter firm of one jet and a supporting cast who love him almost as much as they love to make fun of him.



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times Benedict Cumberbatch did not play an arrogant, but flawed genius

David, Wreckers

Trees are never the only thing that's shady in the English countryside. The idea that those who go to the city are escaping something is alive and well in Wreckers, where a young couple return to David's childhood home to start building a life together. But as soon as they arrive, Cumberbatch becomes less devoted husband and more a product of the abuse and incest that permeate the town — and his relationship with his brother.



Khan, Star Trek Into Darkness

Although Star Trek Into Darkness began as a seemingly straight-up story of a space-age terrorist out to do as much damage to Starfleet as he can, Cumberbatch's villain Khan turned out to have a much more personal agenda when it was revealed that he was merely trying to free his crew, who had been imprisoned by a Starfleet officer. Cumberbatch goes from fury to tears as Khan is revealed to have been manipulated into killing in the name of keeping the peace.



The Creature, Frankenstein

Over the course of Danny Boyle's stage adaptation of Frankenstein, Cumberbatch's Creature struggles with being made of human parts but knowing little of what it means to be one. The Creature rejoices and struggles with, in equal measure, himself, the world and his creator, veering between love and fear, leading him to the most human act of all: revenge.



Christopher Tietjens, Parade's End

Cumberbatch has described his character in this First World War drama as the one he's most attached to. Christopher Tietjens is a simple man who values tradition and lives life by the rules, in his duty as a soldier and as a husband to a manipulative Rebecca Hall (The Prestige). It's a philosophy that makes his encounter with a suffragette and all that a new life with her would entail fraught with anticipation. This one made more than a few stiff upper lips quiver, and earned Cumberbatch an Emmy nod.



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Edmonton, Alberta — RVBusiness magazine recently named local dealership ArrKann Trailer & RV, located at 1904 80 Ave in Edmonton, as one of its 2014 Top 50 RV Dealers in North America. They are the only Canadian dealer to win top 5 and the only dealer in North America that has been top 5 all three years that this has been running.

Recreation vehicle manufacturers nominated dealers across the United States and Canada whom they believe best exemplify excellence in their field. Nominees were invited to fill out comprehensive applications based on long-standing guidelines covering all aspects of their businesses, such as customer service and satisfaction, employee training and education, sound planning and property management. An independent panel of veteran industry experts convened for judging at the RV/MH Hall of Fame in Elkhart, Ind., the unofficial "RV Capital of the World," to select the Top 50.

"Our judges had a difficult task this year in picking just 50 out of all our very qualified applicants, especially considering the significant consolidation the RV industry has experienced over the past five years, as with many commercial sectors, so the pool of proficient candidates is somewhat smaller than before," stated Sherman Goldenberg, publisher of RVBusiness magazine and founder of the Top 50 program. "Our 2014 winning dealers are unquestionably the cream of the crop. We couldn't be prouder of this year's class."

The judges designated five of the 50 as Blue Ribbon dealers: ArrKann Trailer & RV Centre, Edmonton, Alberta; Bill Plemmons RV World, Rural Hall, N.C.; ExploreUSA RV Supercenter, Plano, Texas; Ketelsen Campers of Colorado, Wheat Ridge, Colo.; and Mike Thompson's RV Super Stores, Santa Fe Springs, Calif.

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Guess who'll get the most Grammy nods

Will the Grammys be Drunk In Love with Beyoncé or will they fall for the sad, soulful sound of Sam Smith? The Recording Academy will announce the nominees for the 57th annual Grammy Awards on Friday, so here's how we think it will play out

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Sam and Sia

Sam Smith is a shoo-in for the top categories, including best album for *In the Lonely Hour*; song and record for *Stay With Me*; and best new artist. He could also earn nominations in non-pop categories. A remix for *Stay With Me*, by Mary J. Blige, could compete in R&B; a remix of *I'm Not the Only One* with A\$AP Rocky could contend for best rap/sung collaboration; and his guest appearance on Naughty Boy's *La La La* could be up for best dance recording.

Sia, too, could be swimming in a sea of nominations, thanks to her skilled songwriting and solo breakthrough. She's written songs for Beyoncé, Katy Perry, Eminem, Maroon 5 and Shakira. She also had her first No. 1 album with 1000 *Forms of Fear* and a huge hit with *Chandelier*.



Happily ever after

Although Pharrell's *Happy* was released before Grammy eligibility — in June 2013 as part of *Despicable Me 2* — he submitted a live version of the song, so he has a chance of earning nominations for record of the year and best pop solo performance.

John Legend is in similar shoes: All of *Me* was released before eligibility, but he could earn a nomination for the live rendition. Live songs have won in the past: Adele won best pop solo performance for *Set Fire to the Rain* a year after she dominated the Grammys with her album *21*.



Ariana and Iggy

Although Ariana Grande and Iggy Azalea both have a strong chance for best new artist, they could cancel each other out when it comes to song and record of the year. Azalea's *Fancy* is most likely to be up for top-song honours, but the votes could split between that and Grande's *Problem*.

Azalea, though, should be a top contender in the rap categories, and Grande could earn a nomination for best pop vocal album for *My Everything*, as well as nods in the R&B categories.

Ariana Grande
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Beyoncé and beyond

If Beyoncé doesn't dominate in the nominations, it will be just as surprising as the release of her self-titled album last year. The pop queen could finally earn the coveted album of the year, since the release of Beyoncé was earth-shattering and well-received. One thing's for sure: The singer, who already owns 17 Grammys, will easily sweep the R&B categories.

Other notable nods

- **Hot or cold?** *Frozen* may be up for best album since it is the year's bestselling album with 3.6 million units sold.
- **What's shaking.** While Taylor Swift's album *1989* will qualify next year, her hit *Shake It Off* could be up for best song, record and pop solo performance this year.
- **Respect your elders.** Barbra Streisand, whose duets album *Partners* debuted at No. 1 and is one of the year's top sellers, could earn several nominations. Tony Bennett, who released a duet album of standards with Lady Gaga, could also compete in the pop and jazz categories.

Prolific producer David Foster ramping up his repertoire at 65

David Foster recently celebrated his 65th birthday and having reached the age that many begin seriously pondering retirement, Foster is instead focused on further expanding his resumé into every conceivable corner of the entertainment industry.

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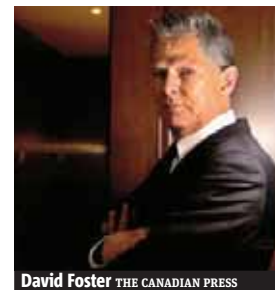
Music Group, Foster is juggling an ambitious slate of music, television, film and stage projects, including but not limited to: a just-released Starbucks compilation of Foster's most memorable Christmas productions, from the likes of Michael Bublé, Celine Dion and Mary J. Blige; a third installment in his

Emmy-winning *Hit Man* PBS specials; and, perhaps most improbably, a Broadway musical based on voluptuous cartoon pin-up Betty Boop for which Foster has written 25 songs.

That is, of course, not all. Foster is best-known for writing or producing such titanic smashes as Toni Braxton's *Un-*

Break My Heart, Whitney Houston's *I Will Always Love You* and Celine Dion's *Because You Loved Me*, but he's seemingly eyeing a new generation of pop stars. Consider, for instance, a recent selfie capturing the silver-haired hitmaker alongside of-the-moment pop powerhouse Ariana Grande.

"I'm working on a joint venture right now with Disney and Universal Music on a big project that has already been very successful in France," Foster said by way of explanation, saying that he was still in the planning stages but that he's already started meeting with artists. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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There will be no cowboy hats for this Canadian country star

Interview. Singer Dallas Smith finds success in staying true to himself and not picking up personas

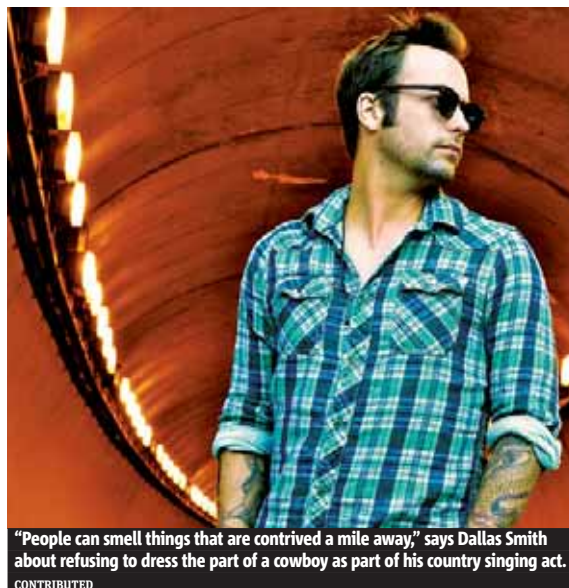
If you're waiting for Dallas Smith — erstwhile Default frontman turned fast-rising idol of Canadian country — to begin pandering to Nashville stereotypes, well, you're wasting your time.

"People can smell things that are contrived a mile away," the 36-year-old Langley, B.C., native said this week in a telephone interview. "That's why you'll never see me in a cowboy hat. It's just not me. It's not who I am. People can smell that."

"I'm glad I didn't try to pretend I'm something I'm not."

The authentic approach has certainly seemed to work thus far for Smith, who's now carried eight different tunes to the Top 10 of Canada's country singles chart.

He has just released his polished sophomore effort *Lifted*, a concise compilation of rollicking good-time country where the guitars are heavy and the lyrical themes are always light. The release comes 13 years after Smith's first act, when he led sludgy post-grungers Default to platinum sales on both sides of



"People can smell things that are contrived a mile away," says Dallas Smith about refusing to dress the part of a cowboy as part of his country singing act. CONTRIBUTED

the border with the hit single *Wasting My Time*.

As he prepares for a Canadian tour in January and just wrapped a performance at Sunday's Grey Cup in Vancouver, Smith talked about leaving songwriting to the professionals and missing his infant daughter on the road.

Your vocals really stand out on *Lifted*, especially if you compare them to your work with Default. What's changed in your singing? I've learned that it's OK to fail. I'm trying new things.

If you listen back to it, it sounds ridiculous what I'm doing sometimes, but I try to find my voice and emote differently.

With the Default stuff, I was so afraid of making mistakes as a singer — so I was technically good, but all those neat mistakes and the cracks and the pops and the things you don't mean to do, those are the great moments in a vocal take. I've learned to let that stuff go. Don't worry about sounding like an ass — something cool might come out of it.

Bye-bye, baby

Smith is tackling a winter tour while leaving his baby daughter at home and he has nothing but praise for his wife.

- "I got a great teammate at home. She's fantastic. When I leave, as far as emotional support or helping out around the house, (my wife) is a single mom. She's a champ. She's such a great mom and baby girl is doing good. It's tough being gone."

All the songs on *Lifted* were written by others. Why did you go that route, rather than putting your own songs in the spotlight?

I'm a "best song wins" kind of guy. At the end of the day, I want to release records that don't have filler in them — songs aren't on there based on ego or pride.

The way you attack the wordy chorus of *Tippin' Point*, there's almost a trace of a rap influence...

It's a bunch of triplets, right? As soon as you start doing that, people say it's rap. It's just staccato. It's just a little aggressive. I knew as soon as I was bunching some of those words up, people would call it rap. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Miami has itself a merry little Cyrus as Miley brings the silver and bold

What would the holidays be without a little tinsel? Or a lot, for that matter.

While down in Miami for Art Basel, Miley Cyrus decked her halls with a silver tinsel wig, sheer silver tights and glittery mirror ball pasties — oh, and a silver over-the-

shoulder thong, which I didn't know was actually a thing.

She performed at the annual event's opening night party, telling the crowd, "You thought this was a respected place where you could escape me?" 'Tis the season, y'all.

Ho! Ho! Hoax! Axl Rose may be over 50 but he ain't dead yet

Good news for Guns N' Roses fans! The reports of singer Axl Rose's death have been greatly exaggerated.

A fake MSNBC report — much like the recent hoax claiming Macaulay Culkin had perished — went out recently claiming that Rose, 52, had been found dead in

his West Hollywood home.

But while totally bogus, the hoax did raise at least one question for the man himself: "If I'm dead do I still have to pay taxes?" he tweeted.

Personally, I'm still reeling from the fact that Axl Rose is 52 now.

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In the ongoing conflict between home living guru Martha Stewart and self-styled upstart Gwyneth Paltrow, Rachael Ray has decided to be the Switzerland.

During a visit to Watch What Happens Live, Ray was pressed to take a side in the dispute and chose to remain neutral.

"I'm on team food. I

think everybody who likes to eat has a different take on it and everybody's opinion should be respected," she tells Andy Cohen.

"I love Gwyneth Paltrow. I think that she is very devoted to everything she puts her mind to, and I think she is really a brilliant cookbook author. She writes in many different disciplines."

And Stewart?
"I have to have nothing but respect for Martha Stewart. She is a forerunner. I wouldn't have a job without the people who came before me ... Martha Stewart created an avenue for women who work in lifestyle television — period. You have to have respect for all people's opinions ... in my opinion."



Loni Anderson GETTY IMAGES

The way to Burt's art is through ex Loni's auction

If Burt Reynolds can auction off a whole bunch of personal junk, then so can ex-wife Loni Anderson.

The former WKRP in Cincinnati star is looking to unload nearly 65 items she received from Reynolds over the years, including a nearly-

nude portrait of Anderson.

"He loved art, so he would go pick out a favorite artist and then he would commission them to do a portrait of me," Anderson says. "So pretty soon, there are a lot of portraits of me."

So, um, any takers?

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Shrimp and Coconut Milk Thai Soup.

Although this recipe requires a long list of ingredients, it comes together in a snap



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As most of the country heads toward a deep freeze (or at least colder weather), wanderlust is inevitable.

What's the best solution — short of jumping on a flight to somewhere warm? Exotic flavours inspired by lands far, far away with key ingredients that include coconut, curry and plenty of delicious heat.

This Shrimp and Coconut Milk Thai Soup is a perfect example of such a warming and exotic meal.

1. In saucepan, brown the shiitake mushrooms and jalapeno pepper in oil. Season with salt and pepper. Add garlic, ginger, tomato paste and spices, and sauté for 1 to 2 minutes.

2. Add coconut milk, chicken broth, snow peas, lime zest and lime juice. Bring to boil

Ingredients

- 8 shiitake mushrooms, sliced
- 1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and finely chopped, or hot pepper sauce, to taste
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) vegetable oil
- Salt and pepper
- 4 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 2 tbsp fresh ginger, chopped
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) tomato paste
- 1 tbsp curry powder
- 2 tsp ground paprika
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 2 cans (14 oz/398 ml) coconut milk
- 2 cups (500 ml) chicken broth
- 2 cups snow peas, cut lengthwise into three strips or broccoli florets
- Grated zest of 2 limes
- Juice of 1/2 lime
- 1 1/2 lb (675 g) shelled raw shrimp, with or without the tail
- 3 green onions, thinly sliced diagonally

and simmer gently 3 minutes or until the peas are al dente.

3. Add the shrimp and bring to a boil. Continue cooking for about 2 minutes or until the shrimp are cooked. Adjust the seasoning. When ready to serve, garnish with green onions.

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I'm not sure where the year went, but here we are in chilly December dreaming of summer and a wine to warm up our evenings. Port tops my list.

The last to comply, Canadian wineries have finally agreed to leave its name off their labels, so the term port will only appear on bottles from its true homeland of Portugal.

Winemakers in Canada have chosen the term "tawny" to identify their fortified wines that pay homage to the real stuff.

In the wine world, port is an odd duck. Best served with only a slight chill, its boozy bouquet and muscular punch of berry doesn't play well with novice palates.

Pigeonholed as an after dinner sipper, its stand alone sensibility works brilliantly with blue and cheddar cheeses, almonds, walnuts, dried fruit and chocolate.

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- 1 red bell pepper, cored and cut into squares
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- 1 1/2 lb (675 g) skinless, boneless chicken breast, cut into cubes
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 2 tsp chili powder
- 2 tsp curry powder
- 1/2 tsp ground turmeric
- Salt and pepper
- 1 can (14 oz/398 ml) coconut milk
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) honey

1. In skillet over high heat, sauté onion and bell pepper in oil until soft and golden brown. Add chicken, garlic and spices and sauté for about 2 minutes. Season with salt and pepper.

2. Add the coconut milk and honey. Bring the mixture to a boil, reduce the heat and simmer gently until the chicken



This recipe makes four servings. COURTESY RICARDOCUISINE.COM

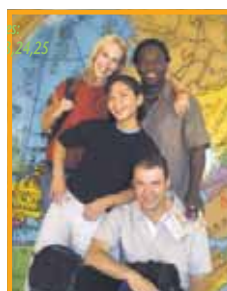
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PETER ROCKWELL
For Metro

While it may be the most wonderful time of year to get innovative with your liquid gift-giving, it's likely many of you reach for the same old bottle when spreading holiday cheer. Wine and spirit fans come in all shapes, sizes and levels of engagement, so here are some unique ideas to make their season merry.

For the wine newbie

If you know someone who's treading water when it comes to expanding their vinous horizons, these wines will open their minds and palates.

Apothic 2012 Red (California, \$15.95*): The wine that started the sweet red phenomenon still leads the pack with its cocktail-like balance of sugar and ripe berry sweetness.

The Grinder 2012 Pinotage (South Africa, \$13.95): No baristas were harmed in the making of this wine. This wild berry red gets its fusion of mocha, java, and chocolate from oak aging.

Montalto 2013 Pinot Grigio (Italy, \$8.95): Fun to say and easy to drink; pinot grigio is the "it" white grape of the 21st century.

Soft, fruity and with crisp acidity, this Sicilian delivers as much flavour as a version at twice the price.

Jacob's Creek 2013 Moscato (Australia, \$11.45): Light in alcohol, but big in round, tropical flavours makes this the perfect entry-level white.

For the wine enthusiast

Have someone on your list who knows their way around a wine glass? These wines will pop their cork.

Monte Antico 2009 Toscana IGT (Italy, \$15.95): A baby Super Tuscan made from sangiovese, merlot and cabernet sauvignon. She's loaded with plum, black cherry and dark anise with an astonishing balance of tannins and acid.

Ringbolt 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon (Australia, \$19.85): Down Under is no slouch when it comes to cabernet. Calling Western Australia's Margaret River home, Ringbolt's one meaty, mouthful of black fruit.

Caymus 2011 Conundrum White (California, \$24.95): The original New World white blend combines over five different grapes to reach its goal of peach, melon, citrus and pepper spice.

La Fiole du Pape Châteauneuf-du-Pape (France, \$39.95): A crooked bottle covered in a dirty glaze has made

this red the most recognized wine in the Rhône Valley. A mix of multiple vintages, its textured, earthy mouth-feel is seductively accessible.

For the whisky lover

Scotland doesn't own the rights to great whisky and these tasty versions think outside the bottle.

Writer's Tears Pot Still Irish Whiskey (Ireland, \$50.75): The cham-

pagne of Irish whiskies and a style favoured by that country's prolific writing community who love its old-school expression of honey, fruit and flowers.

Glen Breton Rare Canadian Whisky (Nova Scotia, \$79.80): The lightly-malted flavour of Canada's only single malt whisky will appeal to scotch nerds and all brown spirit enthusiasts.

Canadian Club Chairman's Select 100% Rye (Canada, \$27.25): We're known for rye. If you know a Mad Men fan, this thick, rich rye has their name on it.

For the sparkling wine fan

Add some sparkle to their season with a gift that's fun and fizzy.

Freixenet Cordon Negro Brut Cava (Spain, \$13.95):

Made like champagne, this Spaniard pushes all the bubbly buttons and makes a solid foundation for your Christmas morning mimosa.

Fresita (Chile, \$13.95): For the mixology impaired. This sparkler is married with Chilean strawberries to create a fruit-fest.

Bollinger Special Cuvée Brut Champagne (France, \$75.95):

Bollinger has been James Bond's brand since Pierce Brosnan first played the role, which makes this non-vintage version the go-to gift for a '007' fan.

If money is no object

Something for those who have been very good this year.

Bottega 2009 Il Vino Prêt-à-Porter Riserva Amarone della Valpolicella Classico (Italy, \$99.95): Wrapped in leather and studs, this full-

bodied Italian red will appeal to anyone with fashion sense and collectors who want their wines to cellar for at least five years.

Rémy Martin Louis XIII Cognac (France, \$3,100): You can find more expensive booze, but this king of cognac — made from a blend of spirits up to 100 years old — is a bucket list brandy in a Baccarat crystal decanter.

Grey Goose VX Vodka (France, \$100): Miles ahead of the flock of ultra-premium vodka, this re-interpretation of Grey Goose

is in limited supply and lands with a hint of cognac added to the blend.

Patron Añejo Tequila (Mexico, \$99.95): Forget about the lime juice; aged in oak for at least 12 months, this is tequila that begs to be sipped slowly, instead of hidden in a margarita.

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Some tips on the best ways to watch movies this season



MIKE YAWNEY
For Metro

Bring the movies home this holiday season. Instead of buying every family member a gift, go big and purchase a home theatre everyone can enjoy together. From curved screens to projectors, the choices are endless. Here are some of the best options to enjoy true movie magic.

LG 55EC9300 Curved OLED TV \$4,999.99

If you've never seen an OLED display, you don't know what you're missing. Not only is this 4K tele-



vision insanely thin (5.08 mm), it displays rich colour and perfect blacks. The screen is also curved to create a more immersive viewing experience, drawing you into the action. With a

price tag just shy of \$5,000 you have to be pretty darn good for Santa to deliver this under the tree.

Samsung 55" Curved UHD TV \$4,199

Ultra-high definition televisions (4K) have four times the resolution of traditional high definition.

This panel features four HDMI inputs so you can hook all your high-definition devices up without running out of space. What sets many Samsung TVs apart from the rest is the ability to upgrade processors after you buy them, which means you'll always have the latest technology. Keep in mind that Ultra-HD and 4K content is still limited.

Vizio 60" E Series Smart TV \$949.99

Proof you don't have to break the bank to get a big screen home for the holi-



days. New to Canada, the Vizio brand is known for bringing great picture quality at affordable prices. This stunning 60" display has lots of bells and whistles, including premium apps, and built-in Wi-Fi, yet the price is significantly cheaper than the competition.

BenQ HT1075 Projector \$999.99

You don't always need a lot of space to install a projector in your home theatre. This projector from BenQ is able



to create a 100" HD image on any wall with as little as eight feet. The optional wireless package allows you to stream 1080p HD content from your favourite device across the room with no wires.

Epson 5030UB \$2,999.99

With ultra-black levels and THX certification, this premium projector is a movie buff's dream. Epson's 5030UB can project in both 2D and 3D on a screen up to 300 inches.



It's not cheap, but when you consider how much money it is to take your family to the movies, this gorgeous projector will pay itself off in no time. Available online only.

Logitech Harmony Smart Keyboard \$149.99

A wireless keyboard, touchpad and remote control all in one. This handy device makes it easier to search for shows, and navigate menus on media devices like Roku and Apple TV. Activity buttons offer a one-touch solution to turning on your entertainment system without searching for individual remotes. Controls up to eight devices at once.

Sennheiser RS180 Wireless Headphones \$499.99

Tired of telling your family to turn down the volume on the television when you go to bed? These headphones may be the perfect gift. Comfortable fit with superb sound quality, these wireless headphones connect to devices giving you a personal audio experience without disturbing others. The wireless range is impressive, letting you walk as far as 328 feet from the base.

Apple TV \$109

A handy little device which lets

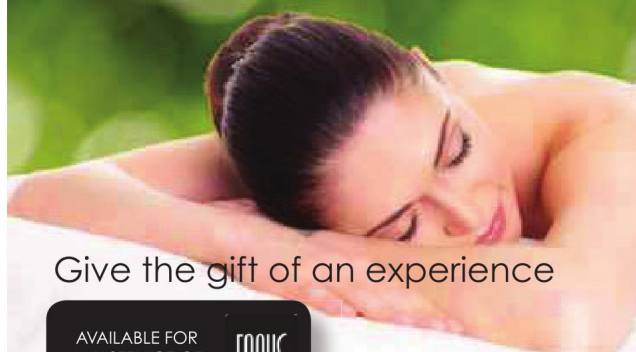


you watch movies, listen to music, and stream photos and videos from your Mac, iPad and iPhone to your television. Although the hardware hasn't been updated in a couple of years, it still remains one of the smallest and easiest to use devices for accessing Netflix.

Clockwise from bottom left, Vizio 60" E Series Smart TV, \$949.99; Apple TV, \$109; Logitech Harmony Smart Keyboard, \$149.99; Samsung 55" Curved UHD TV, \$4,199; BenQ HT1075 Projector, \$999.99; Sennheiser RS180 Wireless Headphones, \$499.99; LG 55EC9300 Curved OLED TV, \$4,999.99; Epson 5030UB, \$2,999.99.



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Ho ho home viewing for the holidays

Christmas Classics

- Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer debuted on NBC on Dec. 6, 1964, while A Charlie Brown Christmas first aired on CBC, Dec. 9, 1965, and won an Emmy.

Once upon a time we used to comb the TV guide with a pencil looking for the seasonal screenings of our favourite Christmas movies or TV specials — those annual chestnuts that we relied on to put us in our Yuletide happy place, while the season's deadlines and shopping lists threatened to snuff out our Christmas spirit.

Now, of course, there's a generation that doesn't know or care what a TV guide is, and

regards one's tales of waiting for a certain hour on a certain night to see a show as not merely quaint but perhaps a crime against democracy. Now, of course, we can collect our

favourite shows and tuck them away in the same box with the wreath, the tree stand and the Hanukkah menorah.

TV holiday specials are now on DVD. For kids, there's Octo-

nauts: A Very Vegimal Christmas (Octonauts), Thomas & Friends: The Christmas Engines (Universal), Peppa Pig: Peppa's Christmas (EOne), and Penguins of Madagascar: Operation Special Delivery (ANConnect).

For grown-ups there's The Big Bang Theory: Holiday Episodes (Warner), Robot Chicken's Christmas Specials (Warner), and Bing Crosby chestnut White Christmas (Paramount).

RICK MCGINNIS/FOR METRO



Box sets for the TV lover

Shut-ins. Long cold winters are best paired with a TV series

RICK MCGINNIS
For Metro



If someone on your Christmas list has asked for a honking fat box set of TV shows or movies, it's because they understand that Christmas isn't just the holly, jolly holiday near the end of the year, but the last time to stockpile entertainment for a long, tedious winter.

The big score this season is undoubtedly **Breaking Bad: The Complete Series** (Sony), which comes packaged in a little chemical barrel (see picture) with a printed episode guide, something called a "commemorative challenge coin" and an apron from Los Pollos Hermanos, Gustavo Fring's meth-brewing front business. Bonus material includes a two-hour documentary on the show, character profiles of Walt, Hank, Marie, Saul, Jesse and Skyler, and more.

Another cable series that recently completed its run is **True Blood**, which HBO is releasing in a complete series set that includes the secret files of Vamp Camp, and an interactive feature that helps you untangle

the complicated relationships between characters both before and during its seven seasons.

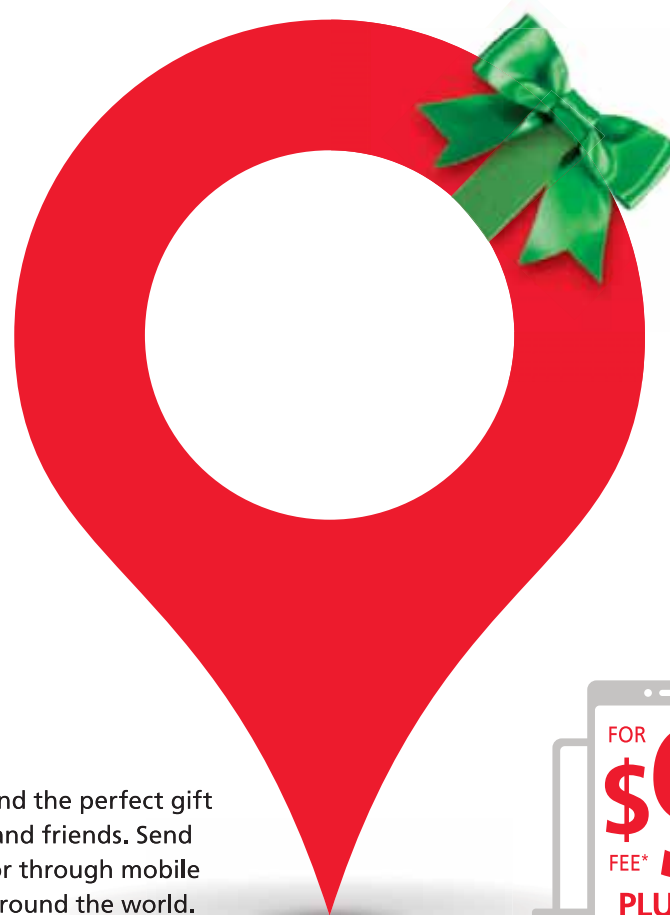
For shut-ins of a certain generation, the top of their wish-list is probably occupied by **Pee-wee's Playhouse: The Complete Series** (Shout Factory), the giddy and abidingly strange "is it really a children's TV show?" that was a favourite of Generation X during its mid-to-late '80s run. All forty-five episodes are here, as well as bonus features on the making of the show, the music, and reminiscences by actors and fans.

If any vintage TV series has an appeal that crosses generations, though, it would be the original **Batman** starring Adam West as the caped crusader. Available piecemeal over the years in often inferior dubs, this is the definitive version from Warner Home Video with all 120 original episodes as they aired between 1966 and 1968. Special features have titles like **Hanging with Batman**, **Holy Memorabilia Batman!** and **Na Na Na Batman**.

Fans of British TV will have their weekends colonized by box sets like **Dr. Who: The Matt Smith Years** (BBC) and **Downton Abbey: Seasons 1-4** (PBS) and the **Sherlock** gift set from BBC Home Video that includes all three seasons so far, another disc of special features and a pair of matching decorative busts of Benedict Cumberbatch's Holmes and Martin Freeman's Watson.

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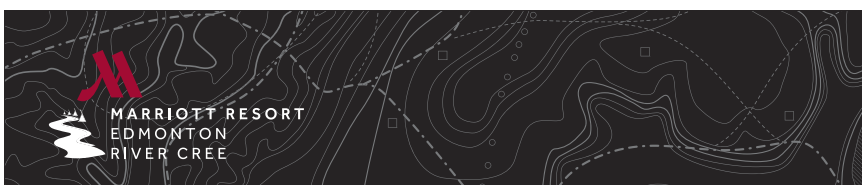
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For Metro

Is your budget feeling a wee bit snug this year? If you're tightening your purse strings on spending for this year's holiday season — but would still like to surprise friends and family members with great gifts — here are some unique ideas for presents less than \$30 to put under the tree.

For children

Try giving the gift of experience (parents who declutter constantly will love it).

"For children, many local theatres and major theatres have performances and pantomimes around Christmas time," said Anne Keery, who runs the blog unique-gifter.com. "Also consider passes to museums or the zoo, play places, swimming passes, holiday train rides or an arts and crafts session." Keery added that you could even give a child a ride on a passenger ferry along with



Experience gifts, like wine tasting or cooking classes, are perfect gifts for adults. SHUTTERSTOCK

some spending money to use when they reach the destination.

Parents also appreciate durable gifts with long-lasting entertainment. "Trains are all the rage these days and Ikea tracks are compatible with most popular branded tracks," says Keery. "Lego is a timeless classic, as are books and art kits."

For teens

Ditto the experience idea. "You can opt for concert tickets, paintball, night skiing or tubing at local mountains, art classes, cooking classes, a mini-manicure or tickets to a non-major sporting event such as lacrosse or junior hockey," said Keery.

Accessories also make great gifts for under \$30 — think a branded toque, a cellphone case, conductive fingered gloves or even a new shirt.

For adults

Kyle Prevost, who co-authors the personal finance blog youngandthrifty.ca, notes that his favourite gift ideas are "service gift cards" — or homemade gift cards offering up your own services (i.e. babysitting for a family with a newborn) or something along those lines.

"Who doesn't want a coupon for three free car washes and detail sessions that they can cash in throughout the year? How about a free carpet cleaning or five nights of babysitting services?" he said.

"If the job market hasn't been especially kind to you lately and you are blessed with more time than money, providing a much-needed helping hand can be one of the most thoughtful and treasured gifts you can give.

Also adults like to receive experience gifts, too, so things like tickets to beer and wine tasting events, yoga passes, cooking classes, and concert tickets also work well.

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Alfie finally back 'where he belongs'

Retirement. Former captain skates final laps before Sens game

On the ice in a Senators jersey one final time, Daniel Alfredsson couldn't help but wonder. Back problems forced him to retire, but with the No. 11 on his back, the "C" on his chest and fans cheering as he skated in pre-game warm-ups, anything seemed possible.

"Oh my God, that could've been one of my best skates ever," Alfredsson said. "I couldn't have played, I'm not in good enough shape. But I skated a couple laps and you feel like, 'Maybe a few shifts.'"

Alfredsson got in a few laps around the ice, including one final spin in the spotlight as "Alfie" chants rained down from the adoring crowd on what became "Alfie Day" in the nation's capital. With Alfredsson emerging from his old locker stall and wearing red and black, everything was like old times, except it was anything but.

This was a one-of-a-kind tribute for a one-of-a-kind player and the face of the Senators' franchise.

Players stepped onto the ice for warm-ups and made a receiving line for the man who called it a career earlier in the day. They tapped their sticks and Alfredsson saluted the crowd for the first of many "Alfie" chants.

A remix of Alfredsson's theme song, U2's 'Beautiful Day' played. The traditional countdown to 11 minutes on the clock happened even before



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The Senators welcome Daniel Alfredsson to the ice for warm-up before Thursday's game against the New York Islanders. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Islanders 2, Senators 1

Jaroslav Halak made 20 saves Thursday night, setting a franchise record for consecutive wins as the New York Islanders defeated the Ottawa Senators 2-1.

- The native of Slovakia, with a 13-4-0 record this season, won his 11 straight game to surpass Billy Smith's 1982 record.

the game against the New York Islanders.

A video montage set to more U2 led in the rest of the pre-game ceremony. In addition to listing Alfredsson's accomplish-

ments, the final message read: "The Greatest Ottawa Senator of All-Time."

With wife Bibi and sons Hugo, Loui, Fenix and William Erik by his side, Alfredsson

finally addressed the fans who have embraced him for much of the past two decades.

"It's great to be back in Ottawa," Alfredsson said. "Thank you for all the great times and all the beautiful memories. They will connect us with all of you forever.... Let's not say goodbye."

"Being a part of it, in Ottawa, this is where he belongs," said Chris Neil, who played 11 seasons with Alfredsson. "If it happened in Detroit it just wouldn't be the same."

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Oilers

MacT to address losing streak

With the Oilers on an 11-game losing streak, general manager Craig MacTavish will meet the media Friday morning at Rexall Place, the team said in a news release.

MacTavish "will address the Oilers' performance through 26 games and take questions," according to the club. The news conference is set for 9 a.m.

The Oilers have not won a game since beating the New York Rangers on Nov. 9. They have earned only four points since.

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Preds jump on Marty

Blues come out flat in Brodeur's return

Martin Brodeur, the NHL's goalie leader in games, wins and shutouts, is back. This time with the St. Louis Blues instead of the New Jersey Devils.

The 42-year-old Brodeur started in Thursday night's 4-3 loss to the Nashville Predators, joining St. Louis after Brian Elliott was sidelined by a knee injury.

Mike Ribeiro scored the winning goal and had two assists for the Predators, who improved to 11-1-1 at home.

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Beliveau's playoff stats

A story in Thursday's Metro on Jean Béliveau should have read that the Canadiens great was the all-time leading playoff scorer with 176 points in 162 games at the time of his retirement in 1971.

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Cavaliers capitalize on Knicks late

Samuel Dalembert defends the Knicks' basket against Cavaliers star LeBron James on Thursday night at Madison Square Garden. Kyrie Irving scored a season-high 37 points, including a layup with 10 seconds left after a timeout he didn't seem to want, and Cleveland beat the Knicks 90-87 for their season-high fifth straight victory. Irving carried the Cavs most of the game before LeBron James had five straight points late that helped Cleveland pull it out. James finished with 19 points and 12 assists.

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Herdman sees turf as a 'home advantage'

Women's soccer.

Canada's coach shies away from controversy over players' lawsuit against FIFA, Canadian Soccer Association

While some denigrate the use of artificial turf at the Women's World Cup, Canada's English coach John Herdman pragmatically sees it as an advantage.

The Canadian women have stayed out of the fray, for the most part.

Players behind a legal challenge surrounding the artificial surface elected not to involve the Canadians, given that the Canadian Soccer Association doubles as the 2015 tourna-

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"A lot of these players (in) North America are used to playing on turf, so it won't be a major shock."

Canada's women's soccer coach John Herdman on the controversy over artificial turf in the 2015 World Cup in Canada.

ment's organizing committee.

Herdman says he and his staff have tried to keep the chatter about the legal challenge out of sight and out of mind.

"Pretty much all our home matches over the last two years have been on turf.

"So it's not a shock. It's a consistent surface for our players. There are definite pros of doing it. There are also cons in many people's mind. But I think what's been great about our players (is) they just ac-

cepted the challenge and said, 'Look, we'll become turf experts. We'll become experts at playing on turf and we'll use that as one of our home advantages over the opponents who may have a mindset and be stuck on other things.'"

The lawyer for the women challenging artificial turf kept the pressure up Thursday ahead of Saturday's tournament draw by releasing another letter to FIFA secretary-general Jerome Valcke.

Unable to get the FIFA executive to talk to players via a conference call, lawyer Hampton Dellinger sent a 'Top 10 list of pressing questions.'

No. 3 reads "How can you justify playing the World Cup final at Vancouver's BC Place on a surface that players have likened to concrete?"

The letter also questions the credentials and connections of FIFA consultants and experts as well as the difference between prize money at the men's and women's tournaments.

A group of top female players has filed a challenge in the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario, arguing that playing on artificial turf at the Women's World Cup is discriminatory because the men play their showcase tournament on grass.

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CFL all-star. Elimimian adds to excellent 2014 CV

The post-season accolades continue to roll in for Solomon Elimimian.

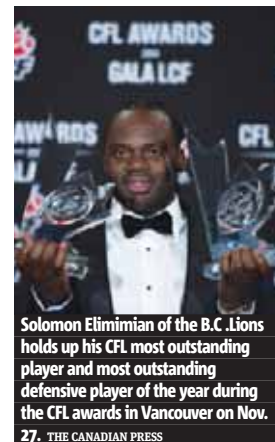
The B.C. Lions linebacker was named to the 2014 CFL all-star team Thursday. The move was hardly a surprise, as Elimimian took home the CFL's most outstanding player and top defensive player awards last month.

Elimimian, the first pure defensive player to win the CFL's top individual honour, had a huge 2014 season with 143 defensive tackles and 151 total tackles, both league records, and added five sacks.

It's the second career all-star nod for Elimimian.

The Edmonton Eskimos had the most nominations to the all-star team with seven.

Running back John White, receiver Adarius Bowman and guard Simeon Rottier were called to represent the Eskimos on the offensive side, while defensive linemen Almondo Sewell and Odell Willis, linebacker Dexter McCoil and cornerback Patrick



Solomon Elimimian of the B.C. Lions holds up his CFL most outstanding player and most outstanding defensive player of the year during the CFL awards in Vancouver on Nov. 27. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Watkins were named from Edmonton's defence.

The 2014 Grey Cup champion Calgary Stampeders had five players named to the team, led by star Canadian running back Jon Cornish.

Cornish led the league in rushing despite only playing half of the regular season.

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Commish leaving

Cohon to step aside in January

Life after the CFL will begin in early January for Mark Cohon.

The league announced Thursday that Cohon will step down as commissioner Jan. 9 under a mutual agreement between Cohon and the league's board of governors. Board chairman Jim Lawson will assume the role of interim commissioner until Cohon's replacement is found.

Lawson also heads up the committee that's searching for Cohon's suc-

cessor. Cohon's contract as commissioner is due to expire in April.

"Excellent candidates have come forward and while there is no firm deadline for naming the next commissioner, the process is going well," Lawson said in a statement.

In August, Cohon announced he wouldn't seek a contract extension to remain on the job after his current deal ended. The 48-year-old Chicago native succeeded Tom Wright as CFL commissioner in 2007 and signed a three-year contract extension in 2012. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Saunders' dream is close to reality

Playing for the Blue Jays. Former Mariners outfielder and 'proud Canadian' will realize something special when he represents Toronto

Michael Saunders used to daydream about playing for the Toronto Blue Jays. It won't be long before he gets to do it in real life.

A day after Toronto acquired the Canadian outfielder in a deal with the Seattle Mariners, Saunders spoke about getting the opportunity to ply his trade on home soil.

"I think it was more of a storybook ending for me if you would, like, 'One day it would be really cool if I was able to wear a Blue Jays uniform,'" Saunders said on a conference call Thursday.



Michael Saunders GETTY IMAGES

"There's 30 teams and the chances are slim that that would actually happen.

"I'm honoured to be able to wear a Blue Jay uniform and I'm very proud of that."

The Victoria native, who spent 10 years with the Seattle organization, played for Canada at the World Baseball Classic in 2013 and said he understands the

burden that comes with playing north of the border.

"I'm a proud Canadian," said the 28-year-old, who cheered for the Blue Jays and Mariners growing up. "If I was to get traded to a team I couldn't pick a better one than Toronto.

"I'm extremely excited to play for the Blue Jays, but it's not just about representing the Blue Jays, it's about representing my country."

Saunders hit .273 with eight home runs and 34 RBIs in 78 games last season while battling joint inflammation in his right shoulder and a strained left oblique.

It's expected Saunders will take over in left field for Melky Cabrera, who declined the Blue Jays' \$15.3-million US qualifying offer last month and is a free agent.

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Puchner powers to fastest training run

Mirjam Puchner of Austria races down the hill during the third training run for the World Cup women's downhill ski race on Thursday in Lake Louise, Alta. Puchner and fellow Austrian Anna Fenninger were fastest, while U.S. star Lindsey Vonn was 13th in the final training run for the season-opening World Cup women's downhill on Thursday. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Curling

Homan's team steals late victory

Rachel Homan drew to the button with her final stone to

score one and beat Heather Nedohin 5-4 on Thursday in a battle of unbeaten teams at the Home Hardware Canada Cup curling tournament.

Homan's Ottawa rink scored singles in the first,

second, fourth, sixth and 10th ends to improve to 3-0 and remain the only undefeated foursome on the women's side of the draw. Edmonton's Nedohin now sits at 2-1. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

You will be your assertive self today and over the weekend. That's good because you need to let people know you're serious about your ambitions.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Something you have been working hard towards is most likely not worth the effort, but that's OK. Once you accept that you can make other plans.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

The approaching full moon will affect you more than most because it takes place in your sign, and if you get through the next few days emotionally unscathed count yourself lucky!

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You seem to be on the defensive and that's probably no bad thing. Most likely no one is out to get you but it will pay you to be cautious anyway.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You may be easygoing by nature but the approaching full moon warns you need to stay sharp over the next 48 hours. Also, don't say things just to make others feel good.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Anyone who thinks you lack the killer instinct will have to revise their opinion now that you have a specific target to aim for. Nothing and no one will be allowed to stand in your way.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You may be rather emotional over the next few days but what of it? The planets indicate your tears are just as likely to be tears of joy as tears of sorrow.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You won't be happy to discover that someone has been digging around in your personal affairs, and quite right too. Not that you've got a guilty conscience but your business is private.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Your main task today is to look rationally at what is upsetting you. Stand back from your personal feelings and ask yourself if it is of any real importance. Most likely it isn't.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Try not to focus on details today because if you do you could miss the bigger picture. You will need to look both far and deep to stay a step ahead of rivals.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Accept that something you've been working on is not going to be the success you envisioned. Chances are though you will be quite happy to call it a day as it frees up time.

♓ Pisces

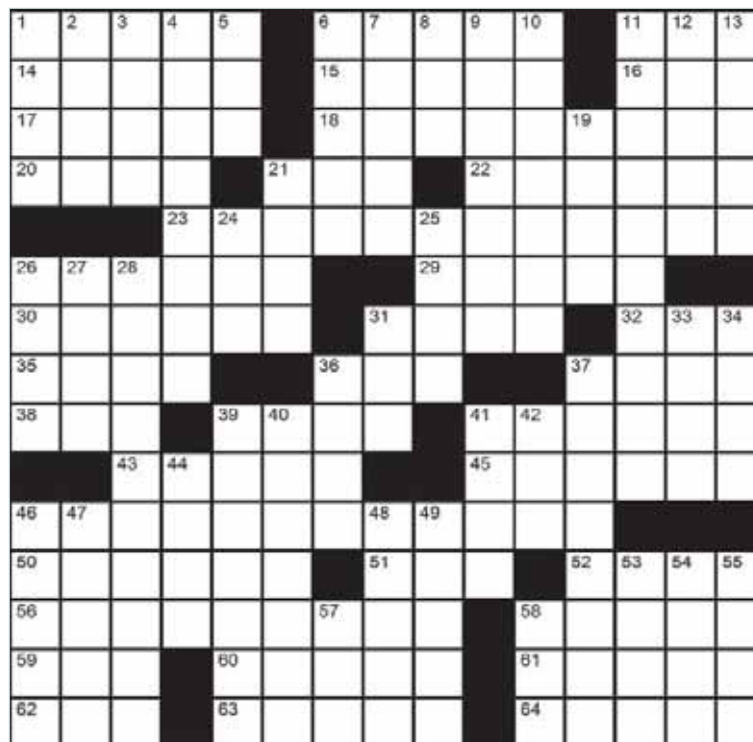
Feb. 20 - March 20

You may exchange a heated words with someone and the bad feeling will continue into the weekend. It will all be over come the start of next week.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

Across

1. Canadian actress Ms. Follows
6. Cop ___ (Bargain in court)
11. Platter mixture
14. Lofty layer
15. Jennifer of "Flashdance" (1983)
16. ___ hurry
17. Hockey great Mr. Hull
18. Travels across Europe
20. Wrapped garment
21. Outlying
22. Basket-___ sword
23. 1981 prehistoric movie for Canadian actress Rae Dawn Chong: 3 wds.
26. Clues/trail follow lower
29. Joe Cocker's "You ___ Beautiful"
30. ___ algebra
31. Sea eagles [var. sp.]
32. Non-verbal 'yes'
35. Hosp. readouts
36. 'Tour' suffix
37. Ms. Flynn Boyle
38. Techie erase button
39. Langley and Edwards, e.g., in The States
41. The Water-___ (Aquarius)
43. Basket fibre
45. 'Small Community Big Heart' in Manitoba
46. Blue Rodeo song:



2 wds.

50. Theatre workers
51. "Case of the Ex" songstress
52. ___ Sea, in Central Asia
56. Navigation instruments
58. "Hard Sun" by ___ aka Canadian musi-

59. ___ carte
60. Yo-Yo Ma's instrument
61. BC - Haida Gwaii: UNESCO World Heritage Site, ___ Gwaay
62. Ottawa polit.
63. 50 Cent album: 'Get Rich or Die ___'

64. Checks

Down

1. Gangster groupings
2. Ian Harding's role on "Pretty Little Liars", ___ Fitz
3. Movie-___
4. "___ Roadshow"
5. Butterfly catcher
6. "Dancing Queen" group's
7. Rush drummer Neil
8. Lake: French
9. Manitoba village, 'An Age Friendly Community'
10. Ambitiously aims
11. French-English/English-French book

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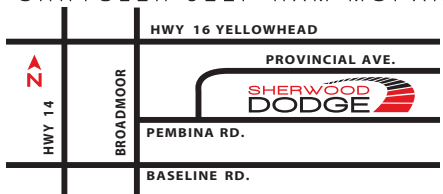
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